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# Letter of Transmittal

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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JAMES H. NORRIS, JR.



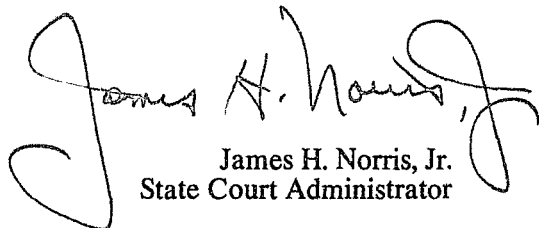
DEPUTY STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR  
ROBERT W. MCKEEVER

September 1, 1988

I am pleased to submit the twelfth *Annual Report of the Maryland Judiciary*, which includes the thirty-third Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, as required by § 13-101(d)(9) of the Courts Article. The report covers Fiscal Year 1988, beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988.

The report is presented in one volume with the courts and other sections containing the statistical material associated with that section so that each will be self contained. It is hoped that this will provide a ready source of information for an understanding of the structure and operations of the courts of Maryland.

The statistics on which most of the report is based have been provided through the fine efforts of the clerks of the appellate courts, the circuit courts of the counties and Baltimore City and of the District Court of Maryland. My thanks to them and all those whose invaluable assistance has contributed to the preparation of this publication.

  
James H. Norris, Jr.  
State Court Administrator

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# Introduction



ROBERT C. MURPHY  
CHIEF JUDGE  
COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND  
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September 1, 1988

This twelfth *Annual Report of the Maryland Judiciary* outlines the functions, responsibilities and accomplishments of the judicial department of Maryland. It is prepared so that the members of the executive and legislative branches as well as the public in general may have a better understanding of the operations of the judicial system. It is hoped that with this information we may all join together in a continuing effort for a fully effective justice system.

This report shows that the total filings of the courts have continued to generally increase. However, I can report that the Maryland courts are striving to cope with the large caseloads while never losing sight of their commitment to provide the State with an outstanding judicial system.

I am, as always, grateful to all the judges and supporting staff for their excellent work in keeping our busy courts running smoothly.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert C. Murphy".

Robert C. Murphy  
Chief Judge of the  
Court of Appeals of Maryland



## Judicial Revenues and Expenditures

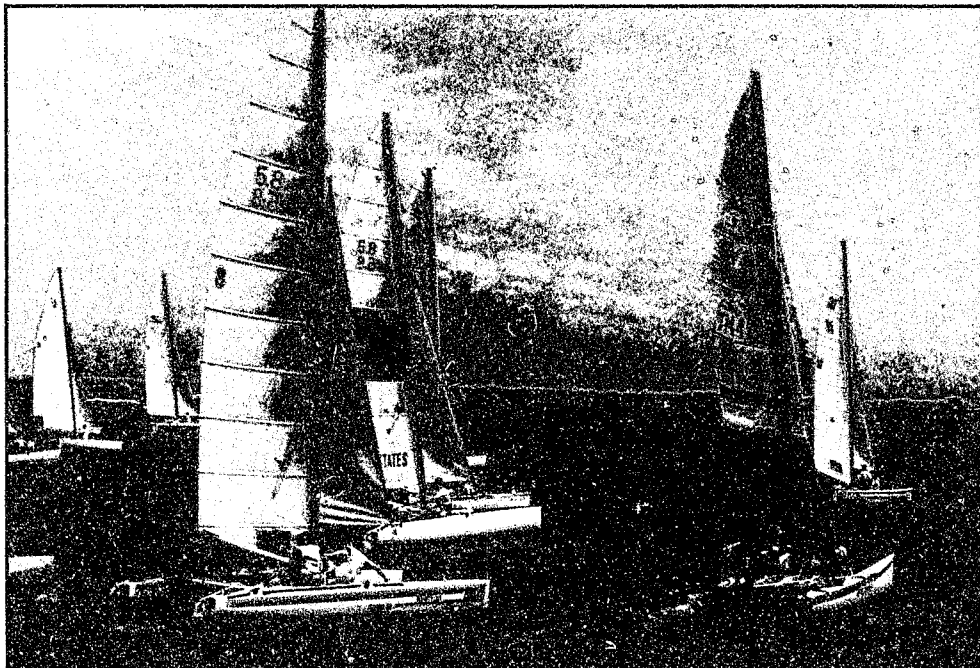
State and local costs to support the operations of the judicial branch of government were approximately \$135,130,000 in Fiscal 1988. The judicial branch consists of the Court of Appeals; the Court of Special Appeals; the circuit courts; the District Court of Maryland; the clerks' offices and headquarters of the several courts; the Administrative Office of the Courts; the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of Appeals; the State Board of Law Examiners; the Maryland State Law Library; and the Commission on Judicial Disabilities. There were 220 judicial positions as of June 30, 1988, and approximately 3,116 nonjudicial positions in the judicial branch.

The state-funded judiciary budget operates on a program budget and expended \$73,491,658 in the twelve-month period ending June 30, 1988. The two appellate courts and the clerks' offices are funded by two programs. Another program pays the salaries and official travel costs for the circuit court judges. The largest program is the state-funded District Court which expended \$46,690,338, but brought in general revenue of \$47,790,429 in Fiscal 1988. The Maryland Judicial Conference contains funds for continuing judicial education and Conference activities. Remaining programs provide funds for the Administrative

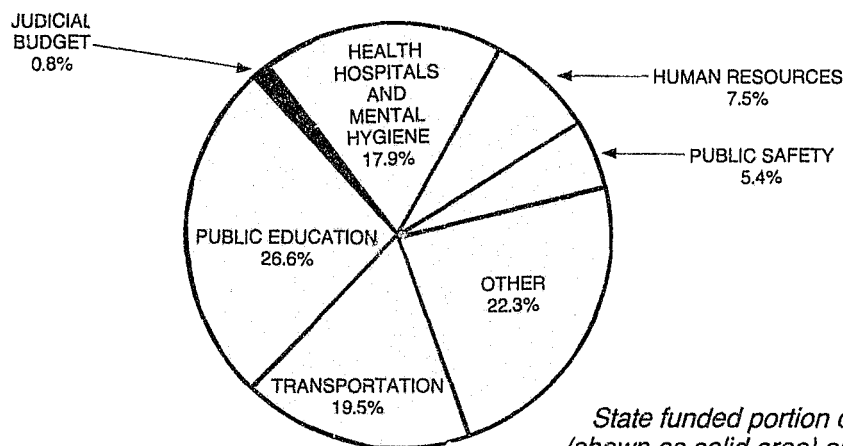
### Judicial Branch Personnel in Profile

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Judicial Personnel   | 220        |
| Nonjudicial Personnel  |            |
| Court of Appeals   | 30         |
| Court of Special Appeals   | 57         |
| District Court   | 1,099      |
| Administrative Office of the Courts  | 137        |
| Court-Related Offices  | 25         |
| (Includes Staff to State Board of Law Examiners, Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, State Law Library, and State Reporter) |            |
| Circuit Courts   | 2          |
| Clerks' Offices—Circuit Courts   | 1,056      |
| Circuit Courts—Local Funding   | <u>710</u> |
| Total  | 3,336*     |

\*Includes permanent and contractual positions.



*Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay*



### State Funded Judicial Budget

#### Revenues\*

| Program                      | Actual<br>FY 1986   | Actual<br>FY 1987   | Actual<br>FY 1988   |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Court of Appeals             | \$ 57,102           | \$ 69,218           | \$ 68,930           |
| Court of Special Appeals     | 65,324              | 64,766              | 66,587              |
| State Board of Law Examiners | 377,754             | 393,303             | 399,104             |
| District Court               | 41,479,118          | 43,267,460          | 47,790,429          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$41,979,298</b> | <b>\$43,794,747</b> | <b>\$48,325,050</b> |

\* Revenues come from filing fees, fines, bail forfeitures and court costs remitted to the State's general fund and are not available to offset expenditures.

#### Expenditures\*

| Program                             | Actual<br>FY 1986   | Actual<br>FY 1987   | Actual<br>FY 1988   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Court of Appeals                    | \$ 1,708,294        | \$ 1,916,858        | \$ 1,968,524        |
| Court of Special Appeals            | 3,049,788           | 3,501,379           | 3,531,353           |
| Circuit Courts                      | 11,263,461          | 12,215,344          | 13,082,276          |
| District Court                      | 37,684,750          | 40,945,123          | 46,690,338          |
| Maryland Judicial Conference        | 77,167              | 84,495              | 70,876              |
| Administrative Office of the Courts | 1,427,058           | 1,555,808           | 1,487,506           |
| Court-Related Agencies              | 664,168             | 736,830             | 730,141             |
| Maryland State Law Library          | 426,214             | 468,759             | 503,723             |
| Judicial Data Processing            | 5,766,217           | 5,535,969           | 5,426,921           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$52,938,118</b> | <b>\$66,960,565</b> | <b>\$73,491,658</b> |

\* Expenditures are paid from annual appropriations by the legislature to the judiciary budget.

Office of the Courts, the Maryland State Law Library, Judicial Data Processing, the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, the State Board of Law Examiners, the State Reporter, and the Commission on Judicial Disabilities.

The Attorney Grievance Commission and the Clients' Security Trust Fund are supported by assessments paid by lawyers entitled to practice in Maryland. These supporting funds are not included in the Judicial budget.

The figures and the tables show the state-funded judicial revenue and expenditures for Fiscal 1988. The court-related revenue of almost \$48.4 million is remitted to the State's general fund and cannot be used to offset expenditures.

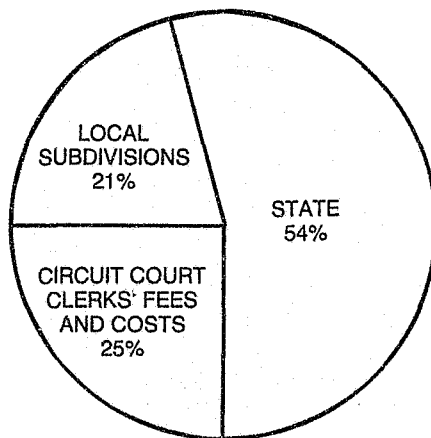
The total state budget was \$9 billion in Fiscal 1988. The illustration reflects that the state-funded judicial budget consumes but a tiny fraction of the entire State budget, approximately 0.8 of one percent.

Effective July 1, 1987, operating costs for the clerks' offices of the circuit courts are paid from State appropriations. Prior to that date, they were paid from filing fees, court costs, commissions, and a deficiency

fund paid by the State. This is no longer the case. All court-related revenue collected by these offices is now remitted to the State general fund and cannot be used to offset expenditures. Expenses for Fiscal 1988 were \$33,238,815.

Other circuit courts are funded locally by Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City. In Fiscal 1988, the appropriations by the local subdivisions were approximately \$28.4 million. Court-related revenues collected by the circuit courts from sources other than fines, forfeitures, and appearance fees are minimal. This money comes from such sources as fees and charges in domestic relations matters and service charges in collecting nonsupport. Fines, forfeitures, and certain appearance fees are returned to the subdivisions for various purposes, primarily for the support of the local court library.

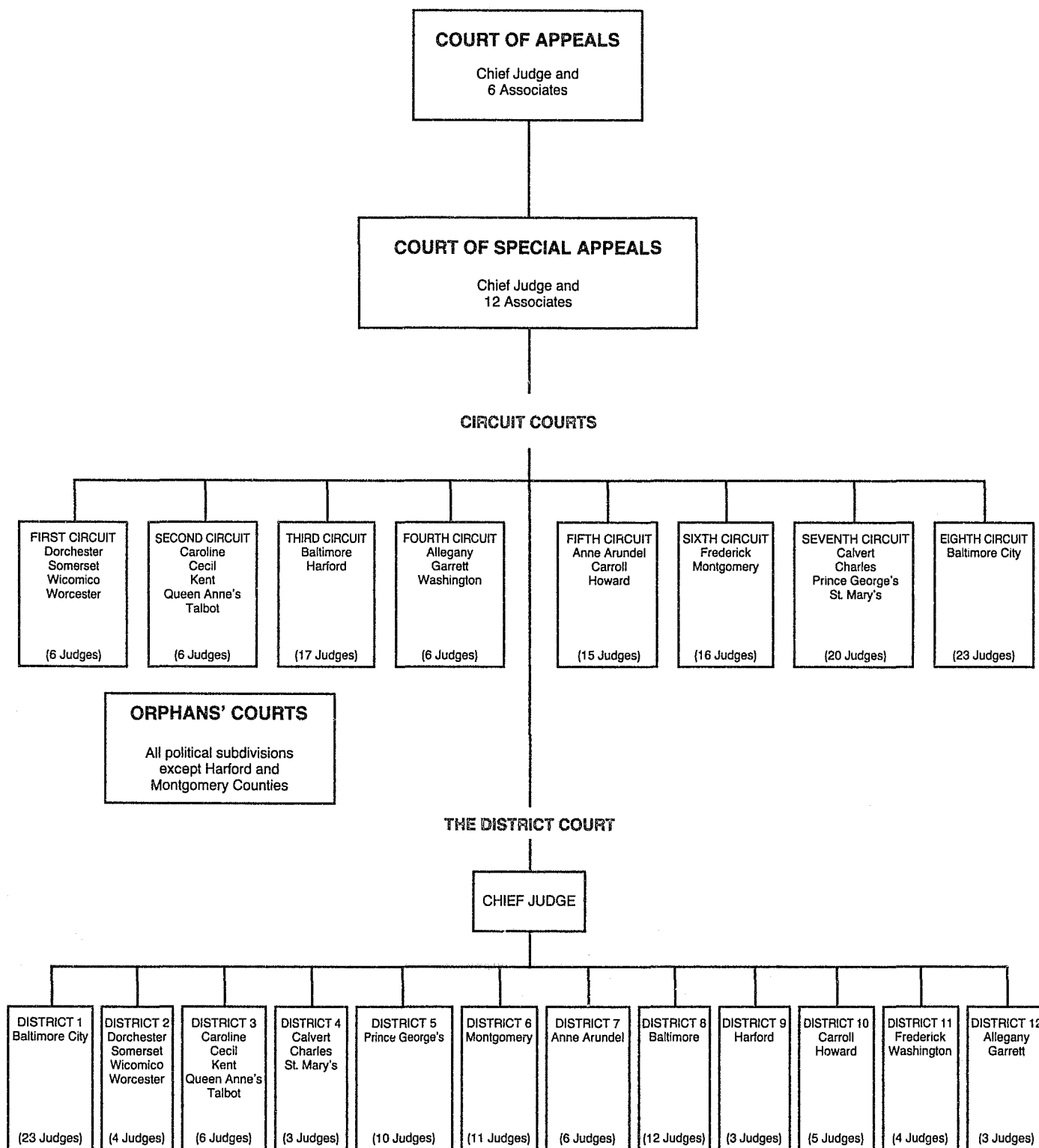
The chart, illustrating the contributions by the State, the clerks' offices, and the local subdivisions to support the judicial branch of government, shows that the State portion accounts for approximately 54% of all costs, while the local subdivisions and the clerks' offices account for 21% and 25%, respectively.



*Source of funding to support the judicial branch of government*



# THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL SYSTEM

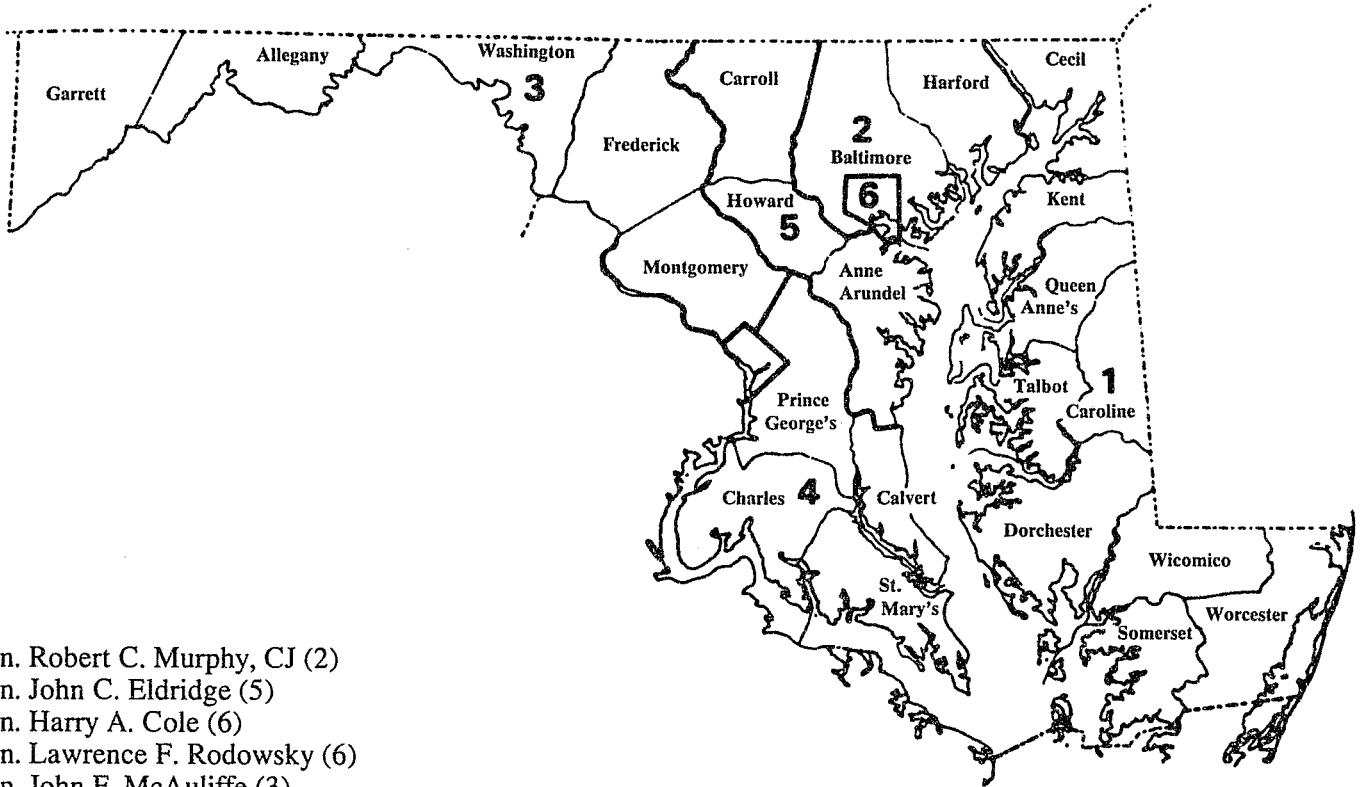




# The Court of Appeals

## Judicial Map and Members

as of September 1, 1988



Hon. Robert C. Murphy, CJ (2)  
 Hon. John C. Eldridge (5)  
 Hon. Harry A. Cole (6)  
 Hon. Lawrence F. Rodowsky (6)  
 Hon. John F. McAuliffe (3)  
 Hon. William H. Adkins, II (1)  
 Hon. Albert T. Blackwell, Jr. (4)

## The Court of Appeals

The Court of Appeals is the highest tribunal in the State of Maryland. It was created by the Constitution of 1776. In the early years of its existence, the Court sat in various locations throughout the State, but since 1851, it has sat only in Annapolis. The Court is composed of seven judges, one from each of the first five Appellate Judicial Circuits and two from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit (Baltimore City). After initial appointment by the Governor and confirmation by the Senate, members of the Court run for office on their records, unopposed. If a judge's retention in office is rejected by the voters or there is a tie vote, that office becomes vacant and must be filled by a new appointment. Otherwise, the incumbent judge remains in office for a ten-year term. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is designated by the Governor and is the constitutional administrative head of the Maryland judicial system.

As a result of legislation effective January 1, 1975, the Court of Appeals hears cases almost exclusively by way of certiorari, a discretionary review process. That process has resulted in the reduction of the Court's formerly excessive workload to a more manageable level, thus allowing the Court to devote more time to the most important and far-reaching issues.

The Court may review cases already decided by the Court of Special Appeals or bring up for review cases filed in that court before they are decided. In addition, the Court of Appeals has exclusive jurisdiction over appeals in which a sentence of death is imposed. The Court of Appeals may also review cases from the circuit court level if those courts have acted in an appellate capacity with respect to an appeal from the District Court. The Court is empowered to adopt rules of judicial administration, practice, and procedure which will have the force of law. In addition, it admits persons to the practice of law, reviews recommendations of the State Board of Law Examiners and conducts disciplinary proceedings involving members of the bench and bar. The Court of Appeals may also decide questions of law certified by federal and other state appellate courts.

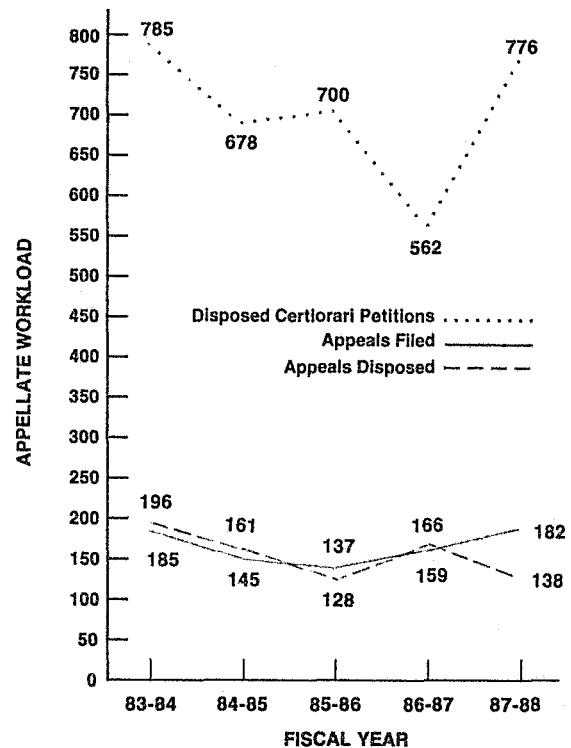
As indicated in Table CA-1, the number of regular docket appeals filed continued its upward trend for the second consecutive fiscal year while the number of regular docket dispositions fluctuated. There was a significant increase in certiorari petition dispositions for Fiscal Year 1988, from 562 in Fiscal Year 1987 to the current level of 776. Total case dispositions also increased for Fiscal 1988.

### Filings

Matters filed on the September 1987 docket formed the incoming workload of the Court of Appeals for

TABLE CA-1

### COURT OF APPEALS—APPEALS ACTUALLY FILED AND TERMINATED WITHIN FISCAL YEAR



Fiscal Year 1988. Filings received from March 1 through February 29 were entered on the September Term docket for argument during the period from the second Monday in September to the beginning of the next term. Filings are counted by Term, March 1 through February 29, while dispositions are counted by fiscal year, July 1 through June 30, in this report.

The Court docketed a total of 924 filings for the September 1987 Term. Included in the number of total filings were 682 petitions for certiorari; 186 regular cases; 37 attorney discipline proceedings; and 19 miscellaneous appeals of which one was a bar admission proceeding and five were certified questions of law from the United States District Court.

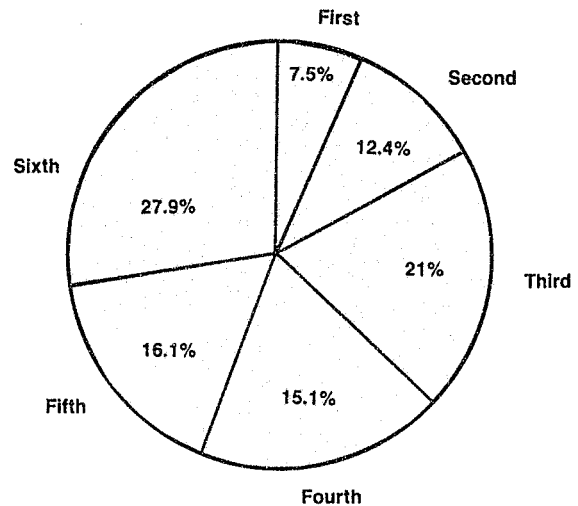
A party may file a petition for certiorari to review any case or proceeding pending in or decided by the Court of Special Appeals upon appeal from the circuit court or an orphan's court. The Court grants those petitions it feels are "desirable and in the public interest." Certiorari may also be granted, under certain

circumstances, to cases that have been appealed to the circuit court from the District Court after initial appeal has been heard in the circuit court. The Court considered 776 petitions for certiorari during Fiscal 1988 of which 140 or 18.0 percent were granted (Table CA-6). Of the 776 petitions considered during Fiscal 1988, 401 (51.7 percent) were civil while the remaining 375 (48.3 percent) were criminal in nature (Table CA-9).

The Court assigns cases to its regular docket after certiorari has been granted. It may also, on its own motions, add cases to its regular docket from cases pending in the Court of Special Appeals. The Court identifies cases suitable for its consideration from a monthly review of appellants' briefs in the Court of Special Appeals.

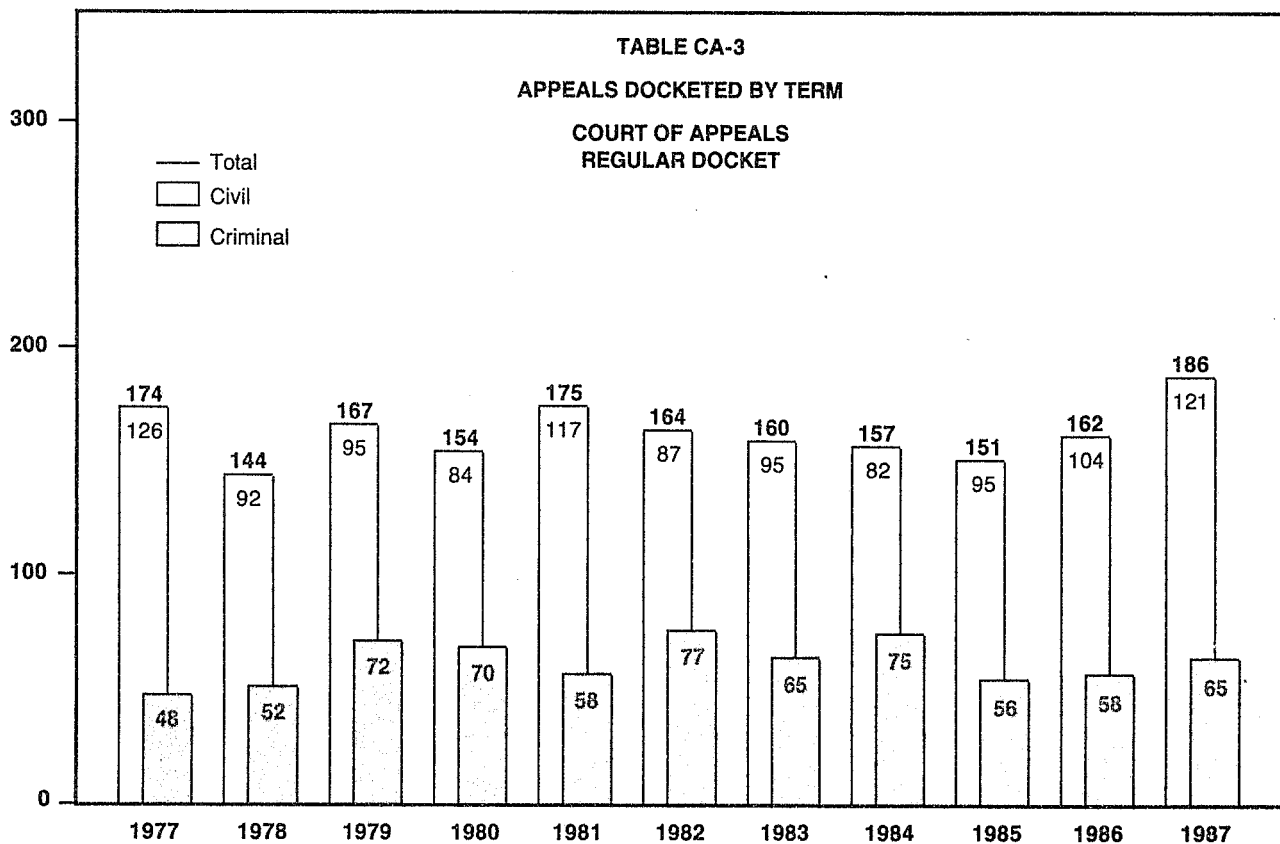
For the 1987 Term, a total of 186 cases were docketed (Table CA-3). Of that amount, 65 (34.9 percent) were criminal cases while 121 (65.1 percent) were civil which included law, equity, and juvenile cases. Geographically, Baltimore City contributed the greatest number of cases, 52 or 28.0 percent. The four largest counties contributed 88 or 47.3 percent, and the remaining 19 counties contributed 46 or 24.7 percent. Of the four largest counties, Montgomery County contributed the most cases with 31, followed by Prince George's County which contributed 22 cases. Anne Arundel County and Baltimore County contributed 19 and 16 cases, respectively (Table CA-7).

**TABLE CA-2**  
**ORIGIN OF APPEALS BY APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUITS**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**  
**1987 TERM**



First Appellate Circuit—14 or 7.5%  
Second Appellate Circuit—23 or 12.4%  
Third Appellate Circuit—39 or 21%  
Fourth Appellate Circuit—28 or 15.1%  
Fifth Appellate Circuit—30 or 16.1%  
Sixth Appellate Circuit—52 or 27.9%  
Total—State—186 or 100%

**TABLE CA-3**  
**APPEALS DOCKETED BY TERM**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**  
**REGULAR DOCKET**



## Dispositions

The Court of Appeals disposed of 959 cases during Fiscal Year 1988. Included in the number of total dispositions were 138 cases from the regular docket; 776 petitions for certiorari; 29 attorney grievance proceedings; and 16 miscellaneous appeals, of which three were bar admissions proceedings and four were certified questions of law (Table CA-4). The Court also admitted 1,278 persons to the practice of law, including 209 attorneys from other jurisdictions.

There were 138 cases disposed of on the regular docket during Fiscal 1988. Of that number, one case was from the 1984 Term; ten were from the 1985 Term; 38 were from the 1986 Term; 88 were from the 1987 Term; and the remaining case was from the 1988 Term. The Court disposed of 76 civil cases (55.1 percent), 58 (42 percent) criminal cases, and four (2.9 percent) juvenile cases. As to the type of disposition, 46 affirmed the lower court's decision, 42 reversed, and 19 were vacated and remanded to the lower court. Ten decisions were affirmed in part and reversed in part, four were dismissed with an opinion while ten were dismissed without an opinion and the remaining seven cases were dismissed prior to argument or submission (Table CA-8).

There was an average time of 3.5 months from the time certiorari was granted to argument of the case. The average case took 7.2 months from argument to final decision and the entire process from the granting of certiorari to the final decision averaged 9.8 months (Table CA-10). During Fiscal 1988, the Court handed down 114 majority opinions of which two were per curiam. There were also ten dissenting opinions and ten concurring opinions filed as well as

one opinion that was dissenting in part and concurring in part.

**TABLE CA-4**

### DISPOSITION OF TOTAL CASELOAD COURT OF APPEALS

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Regular Docket                 | 138        |
| Petitions for Certiorari       | 776        |
| Attorney Grievance Proceedings | 29         |
| Bar Admissions Proceedings     | 3          |
| Certified Questions of Law     | 4          |
| Miscellaneous Appeals          | 9          |
| <b>Total Dispositions</b>      | <b>959</b> |

## Pending

The Court had 167 cases pending at the close of Fiscal 1988. There were 18 cases from the 1986 Term, 92 from the 1987 Term, and 57 cases from the 1988 Term. The majority of the cases pending from the 1988 Term were added towards the close of Fiscal 1988 and are scheduled to be argued during the September 1988 Term. Of those cases pending, 61.7 percent (103) were civil, 37.1 percent (62) were criminal, and the remaining 1.2 percent (two) were juvenile (Table CA-5).

**TABLE CA-5**

### CASES PENDING COURT OF APPEALS

**Regular Docket**

**June 30, 1988**

|              | <b>Civil</b> | <b>Juvenile</b> | <b>Criminal</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Origin       |              |                 |                 |              |
| 1986 Docket  | 8            | 1               | 9               | 18           |
| 1987 Docket  | 62           | 0               | 30              | 92           |
| 1988 Docket  | 33           | 1               | 23              | 57           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>103</b>   | <b>2</b>        | <b>62</b>       | <b>167</b>   |

## Trends

The Court of Appeals once again surpassed the 850 mark, reporting 924 total filings for the 1987 Term. That trend has been evident since the 1981 Term, when a high of 981 filings was reported during the 1983 Term. The number of petition docket dispositions has fluctuated annually with no discernible trend. They have ranged from a high of 785 in Fiscal Year 1984 to a low of 562 in Fiscal Year 1987. The 776 petition docket dispositions reported for Fiscal 1988 mark the second highest level in the last five years. Also changing from year-to-year are the number of petitions that are granted. They have ranged from a low of 13.3 percent in Fiscal 1985 to a high of 18.5 percent in Fiscal 1987. During Fiscal 1988, 18 percent of

the certiorari petitions were granted.

Because of the nature of the issues confronting society today, the Court will undoubtedly continue to be faced with problems that will involve lengthy and complex litigation. The Court will have to expend extensive time and effort in the disposition of those matters. This has been partially observed in the elapsed time of cases during Fiscal 1988 when the Court averaged 9.8 months from the granting of certiorari petitions to the final decision compared to 8.4 months in Fiscal 1987. Also, there were 167 cases pending at the close of Fiscal 1988 compared to 124 at the close of Fiscal 1987. In the years ahead, it is anticipated that the Court will have continuing demands placed upon its effort to dispose of its workload in a timely fashion.

TABLE CA-6  
FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE  
PETITIONS FOR CERTIORARI GRANTED  
FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988

| Fiscal Year | Total Dispositions | Number Granted | Percentage |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1984        | 785                | 136            | 17.3       |
| 1985        | 678                | 90             | 13.3       |
| 1986        | 700                | 104            | 14.9       |
| 1987        | 562                | 104            | 18.5       |
| 1988        | 776                | 140            | 18.0       |

TABLE CA-7

**ORIGIN OF APPEALS BY  
APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUITS AND COUNTIES  
COURT OF APPEALS**

**1987 TERM**

|                                 |    |            |
|---------------------------------|----|------------|
| <b>FIRST APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b>  |    | <b>14</b>  |
| Caroline County                 | 0  |            |
| Cecil County                    | 3  |            |
| Dorchester County               | 1  |            |
| Kent County                     | 1  |            |
| Queen Anne's County             | 1  |            |
| Somerset County                 | 0  |            |
| Talbot County                   | 2  |            |
| Wicomico County                 | 1  |            |
| Worcester County                | 5  |            |
| <b>SECOND APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b> |    | <b>23</b>  |
| Baltimore County                | 16 |            |
| Harford County                  | 7  |            |
| <b>THIRD APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b>  |    | <b>39</b>  |
| Allegany County                 | 1  |            |
| Frederick County                | 2  |            |
| Garrett County                  | 0  |            |
| Montgomery County               | 31 |            |
| Washington County               | 5  |            |
| <b>FOURTH APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b> |    | <b>28</b>  |
| Calvert County                  | 2  |            |
| Charles County                  | 3  |            |
| Prince George's County          | 22 |            |
| St. Mary's County               | 1  |            |
| <b>FIFTH APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b>  |    | <b>30</b>  |
| Anne Arundel County             | 19 |            |
| Carroll County                  | 6  |            |
| Howard County                   | 5  |            |
| <b>SIXTH APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b>  |    | <b>52</b>  |
| Baltimore City                  | 52 |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |    | <b>186</b> |

TABLE CA-8

DISPOSITION OF  
COURT OF APPEALS CASES

## Regular Docket

JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|  | Civil     | Juvenile | Criminal  | Total      |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Affirmed   | 23        | 2        | 21        | 46         |
| Reversed   | 24        | 0        | 18        | 42         |
| Dismissed—Opinion Filed                            | 4         | 0        | 0         | 4          |
| Dismissed Without Opinion                          | 4         | 0        | 6         | 10         |
| Remanded Without Affirmance<br>or Reversal         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0          |
| Vacated and Remanded                               | 11        | 1        | 7         | 19         |
| Affirmed in Part, Reversed<br>in Part              | 4         | 0        | 6         | 10         |
| Dismissed Prior to Argument<br>or Submission       | 6         | 1        | 0         | 7          |
| Transferred to Court of<br>Special Appeals         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0          |
| Rescinded  | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0          |
| Origin   |           |          |           |            |
| 1984 Docket  | 1         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| 1985 Docket  | 5         | 0        | 5         | 10         |
| 1986 Docket  | 19        | 1        | 18        | 38         |
| 1987 Docket  | 51        | 3        | 34        | 88         |
| 1988 Docket  | 0         | 0        | 1         | 1          |
| <b>Total Cases Disposed<br/>During Fiscal 1988</b> | <b>76</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>58</b> | <b>138</b> |

**TABLE CA-9**  
**PETITION DOCKET DISPOSITIONS\***  
 (Petitions for Certiorari)  
 JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
 FISCAL 1988

|                  | Granted    | Dismissed | Denied     | Withdrawn | Total      |
|------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>PETITIONS</b> | <b>140</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>628</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>776</b> |
| Civil            | 84         | 5         | 311        | 1         | 401        |
| Criminal         | 56         | 1         | 317        | 1         | 375        |

\*672 filed in Fiscal 1988.

**TABLE CA-10**  
**AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS FOR CASES**  
**DISPOSED BY COURT OF APPEALS**  
 Regular Docket  
 JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
 FISCAL 1988

|                 | Certiorari Granted<br>to Argument<br>or to Disposition<br>Without Argument <sup>a</sup> | Argument<br>to Decision <sup>b</sup> | Certiorari<br>Granted to<br>Decision <sup>a</sup> |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Days            | 104   | 217                                  | 295   |
| Months          | 3.5   | 7.2                                  | 9.8   |
| Number of Cases | 138   | 123                                  | 138   |

<sup>a</sup>Includes all cases disposed in Fiscal 1988.

<sup>b</sup>Includes all cases disposed in Fiscal 1988 which were argued.

**TABLE CA-11**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS**  
**FOR FILING OF APPEALS ON THE REGULAR DOCKET**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**  
**(In Days and Months)**

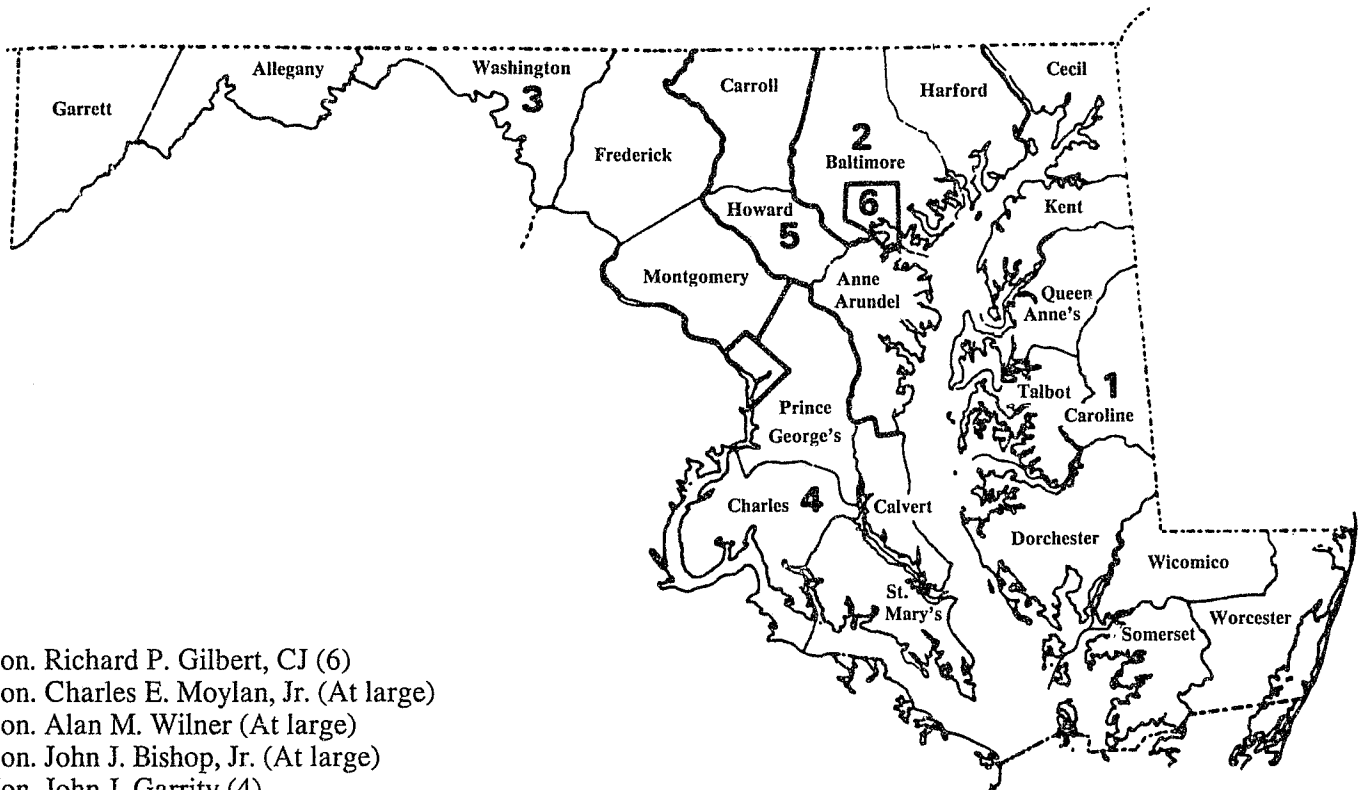
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|---------------|--|--|
| 1983          | 354<br>11.8  | 125<br>4.2   |
| 1984          | 349<br>11.6  | 102<br>3.4   |
| 1985          | 303<br>10.1  | 124<br>4.1   |
| 1986          | 357<br>11.9  | 128<br>4.3   |
| 1987          | 356<br>11.9  | 135<br>4.5   |



# The Court of Special Appeals

## Judicial Map and Members

as of September 1, 1988



Hon. Richard P. Gilbert, CJ (6)  
 Hon. Charles E. Moylan, Jr. (At large)  
 Hon. Alan M. Wilner (At large)  
 Hon. John J. Bishop, Jr. (At large)  
 Hon. John J. Garrity (4)  
 Hon. Paul E. Alpert (2)  
 Hon. Theodore G. Bloom (5)  
 Hon. Rosalyn B. Bell (At large)  
 Hon. Robert L. Karwacki (At large)  
 Hon. Robert M. Bell (6)  
 Hon. William W. Wenner (3)  
 Hon. Richard M. Pollitt (1)  
 Vacancy (At large)

## The Court of Special Appeals

The Court of Special Appeals was created in 1966 as Maryland's intermediate appellate court. Its creation was the result of a rapidly growing caseload in the Court of Appeals which had caused a substantial backlog to develop in that Court.

The Court of Special Appeals sits in Annapolis and is composed of thirteen members, including a chief judge and twelve associates. One member of the Court is elected from each of the first five Appellate Judicial Circuits while two members are elected from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit (Baltimore City). The remaining six members are elected from the State at large. As in the Court of Appeals, members of the Court of Special Appeals are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. They also run on their records without opposition for ten-year terms. The Governor designates the Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals.

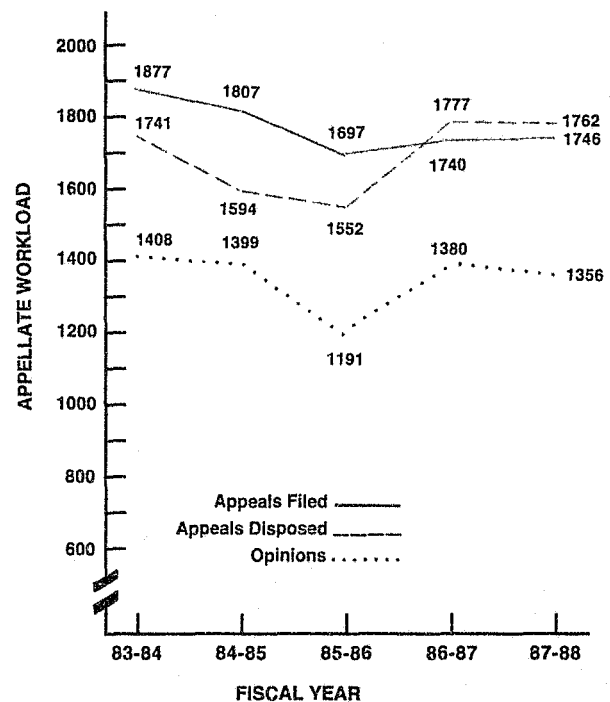
Unless otherwise provided by law, the Court of Special Appeals has exclusive initial appellate jurisdiction over any reviewable judgment, decree, order or other action of a circuit court and generally hears cases appealed directly from the circuit courts. The judges of the Court are empowered to sit in panels of three. A hearing or rehearing before the Court en banc may be ordered in any case by a majority of the incumbent judges of the Court. The Court also considers applications for leave to appeal in such areas as post conviction, habeas corpus matters involving denial of or excessive bail, inmate grievances, and appeals from criminal guilty pleas.

### Filings

The September 1987 Term docket formed the major portion of the incoming workload of the Court of Special Appeals for Fiscal Year 1988. As in the Court of Appeals, filings received from March 1 through February 29 were entered on the September Term docket for argument beginning the second Monday in September and ending the last of June. In the *Annual Report*, filings are counted by Term, March 1 through February 29, and dispositions are counted by fiscal year, July 1 through June 30.

The Court of Special Appeals received 1,754 filings on its regular docket during the 1987 Term, an increase of 2.3 percent over the previous term. A slight majority of the filings, 892 or 50.9 percent, were comprised of civil cases while the remaining 862 or 49.1 percent were of a criminal nature (Table CSA-2). The increase in regular docket filings can be attributed for the most part to the 3.2 percent increase in criminal filings. Criminal filings have risen steadily over the past four terms. That increase came just two years after the

TABLE CSA-1  
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS  
APPEALS ACTUALLY FILED AND  
TERMINATED WITHIN FISCAL YEAR



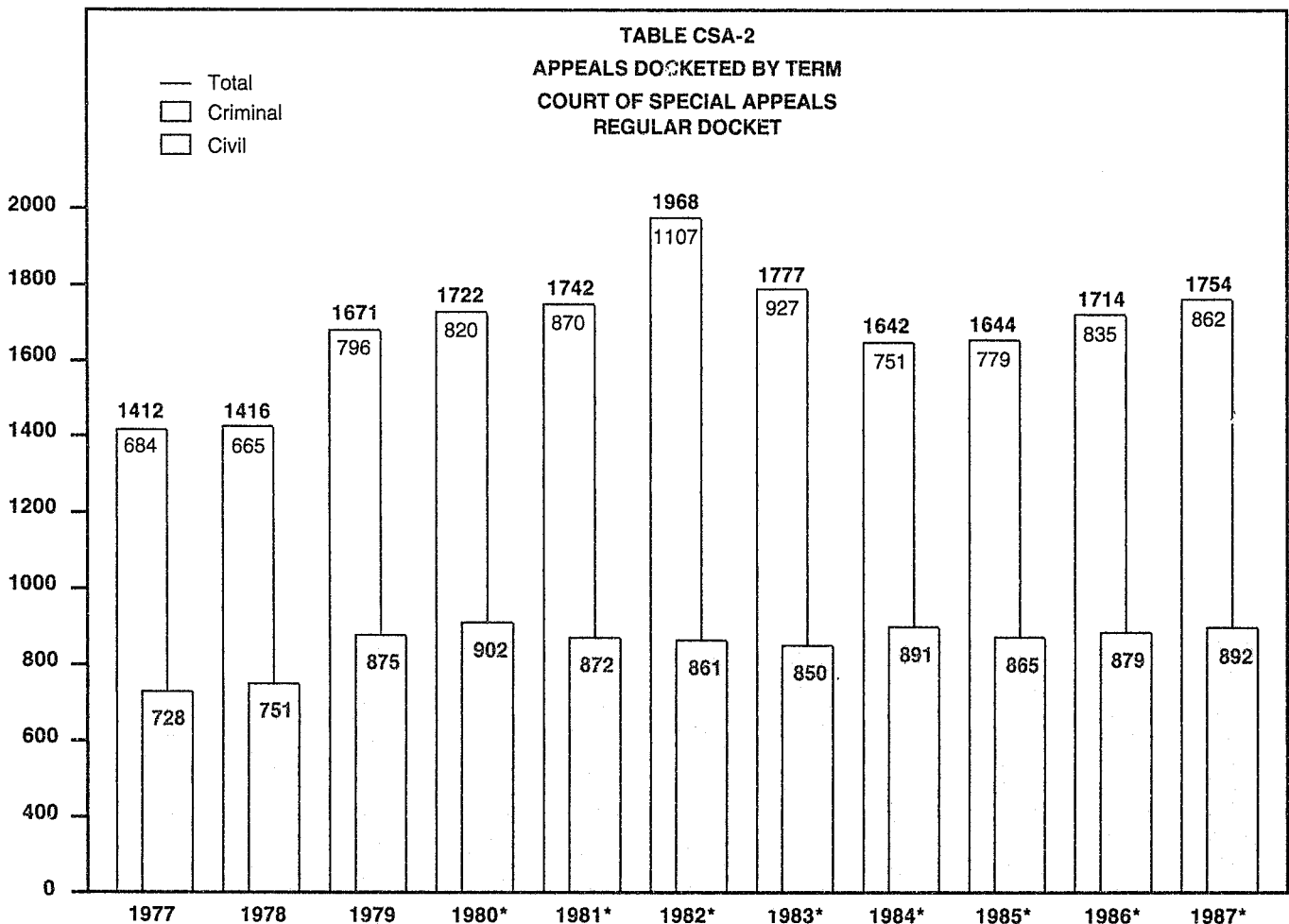
adoption of § 12-302 of the Courts Article and Maryland Rule 1096 which became effective July 1, 1983. Those provisions removed the right of direct appeal in criminal cases where a guilty plea was entered. An application for leave to appeal must now be filed in those instances and it is then at the discretion of the Court whether or not to place the case on the regular docket (Table CSA-5). Although criminal cases have risen steadily, they still have not reached the level of the September 1982 Term which was the year before automatic review of guilty pleas was changed.

In an attempt to manage the civil workload, the Court of Special Appeals has used the procedure of prehearing conferences which allows for the identification of cases suitable for resolution by the parties. An information report, which is a summarization of the case below and the action taken by the circuit court, is filed in each civil case where an appeal

has been noted. The Court received a total of 1,042 information reports during the September 1987 Term which represents a slight decrease of 1.9 percent from the previous term. There were 327 (31.4 percent) information reports assigned for prehearing conference during the 1987 Term compared to 50 percent and 62 percent assigned during the previous two terms, respectively (Table CSA-3). As a result of the prehearing conferences, 179 (54.7 percent) cases proceeded without limitation of issues while three (1.0 percent) cases had their issues limited. There were 96 (29.4 percent) cases dismissed or settled as a result of the prehearing conferences. Thirty-two (9.8 percent) cases were dismissed or remanded after the conferences and eleven (3.3 percent) cases proceeded with their appeals expedited. Six (1.8 percent) cases were pending at the close of the term awaiting prehearing conferences (Table CSA-4).

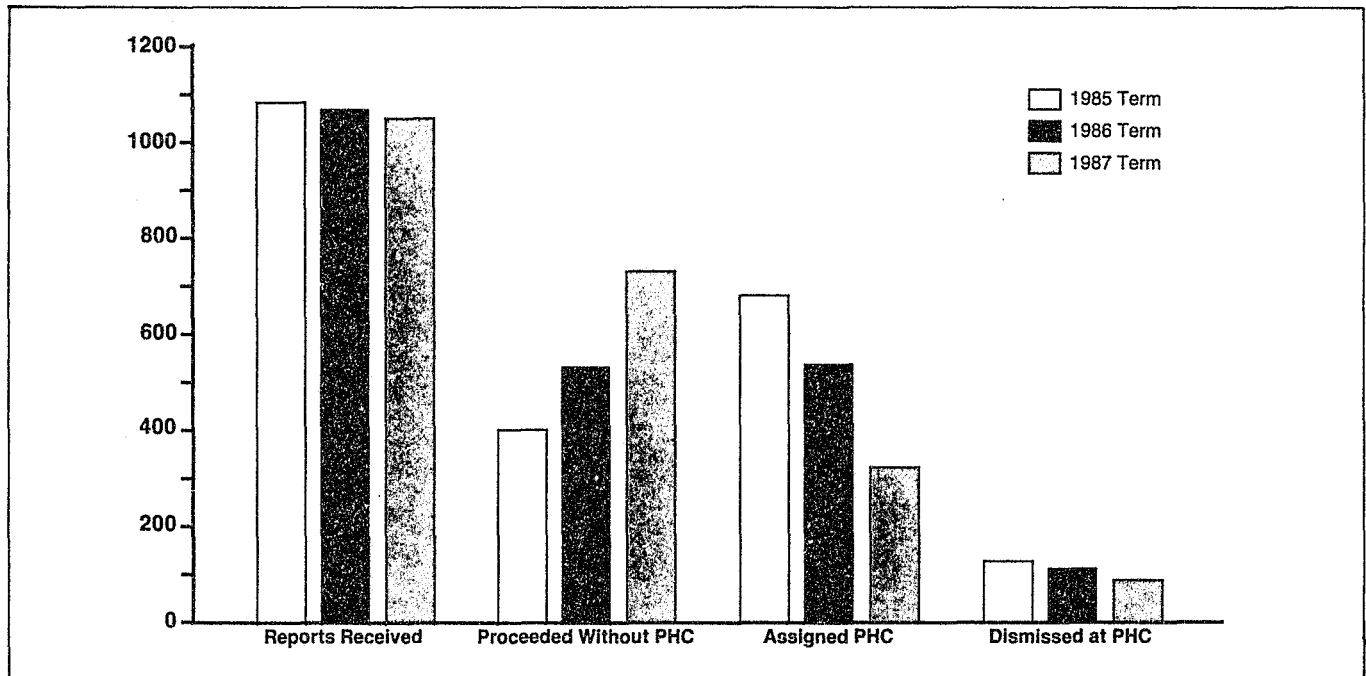
Again this year, Baltimore City contributed the greatest number of cases docketed in the Court of

Special Appeals with 417 or 23.8 percent. The four largest counties contributed 49.3 percent (864) of the total appeals docketed on the regular docket during the 1987 Term. Of the four largest counties, the greatest number of cases were received from Montgomery County, 277 or 15.8 percent, followed by Prince George's County with 244 (13.9 percent). Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties contributed 216 (12.3 percent) and 127 (7.2 percent), respectively (Table CSA-7). The First Appellate Circuit, which is comprised of the entire Eastern Shore, contributed the least number of collective appeals with 167 or 9.5 percent. The greatest number was received from the Sixth Appellate Circuit comprising only Baltimore City (Table CSA-8). Thirteen percent of the trials conducted in circuit courts during Fiscal Year 1987 were docketed on the regular docket for the 1987 Term in the Court of Special Appeals. That ratio compares to 14 percent during the 1986 Term and 15 percent during the 1985 Term.

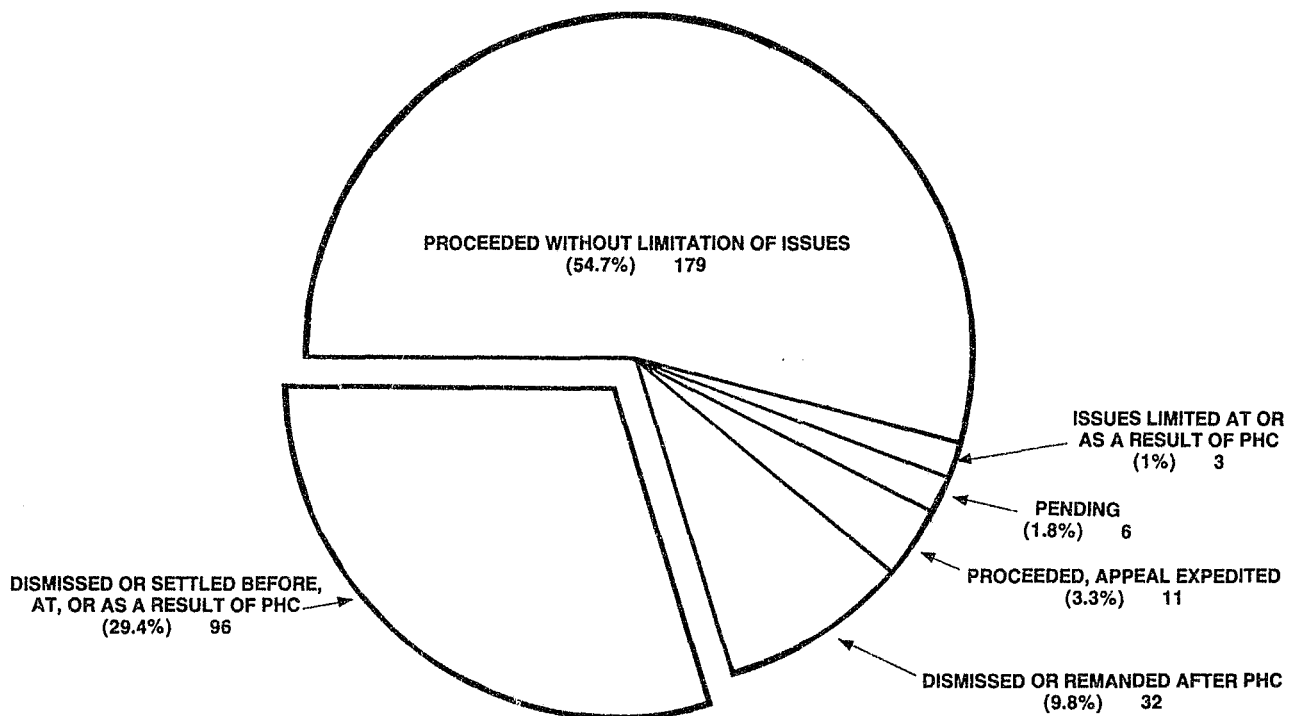


\*Does not include civil notices of appeal which were filed in the Clerks' Office pursuant to Maryland Rules 1022-1024. These appeals were either scheduled for prehearing conference or proceeded through the regular appellate process as stipulated in Maryland Rule 1024 a.1. Cases finally disposed of by prehearing conference are never placed on the regular docket or listed as filings. Cases not finally disposed of by this process will be placed on subsequent dockets and will then be included among filings.

**TABLE CSA-3**  
**PREHEARING CONFERENCE REPORTS**  
**COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**



**TABLE CSA-4**  
**DISPOSITION OF INFORMATION REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR**  
**PREHEARING CONFERENCE — 1987 TERM**



## Dispositions

The Court of Special Appeals disposed of 1,762 cases on its regular docket during Fiscal Year 1988, a slight decrease of 0.8 percent from the 1,777 cases disposed of in Fiscal Year 1987. The Court disposed of 106 cases from the 1986 Docket, 1,568 from the 1987 Docket, and 88 cases from the 1988 Docket. Included in the dispositions were 833 (47.3 percent) civil cases, 891 (50.6 percent) criminal cases, and 38 (2.1 percent) cases that were juvenile in nature (Table CSA-10).

The Court affirmed 54.2 percent of the decisions of the lower court during Fiscal Year 1988. Criminal cases accounted for the greatest number of affirmances with 593 (62.1 percent), followed by civil cases, 343 (35.9 percent), and juvenile cases with 19 or 2.0 percent. Overall, criminal cases had the highest rate of affirmances, 66.6 percent or 593 out of 891 cases. Juvenile cases followed with 50 percent (19/38) and civil cases with a rate of 41.2 percent (343/833). There were only 175 cases (9.9 percent) in which the Court reversed the decision of the lower court. There were also 110 decisions (6.2 percent) that affirmed in part and reversed in part the decision of the lower court. The Court dismissed 367 cases prior to argument or submission. Table CSA-10 provides a further breakdown of case disposition.

There were 220 case dispositions on the Court's miscellaneous docket. That includes 121 post conviction cases, 11 inmate grievance cases, and 88 "other" miscellaneous cases which included habeas corpus/bail cases, motions for stay of execution of order pending appeal, and appeals from criminal guilty pleas. The Court granted 22 applications for leave to appeal while denying 180. It also dismissed or transferred 15 applications for leave to appeal and remanded another three cases (Table CSA-5).

During Fiscal Year 1988, it took an average of 4.2 months from docketing to argument or to disposition without argument, and another 0.9 month from argument to decision (Table CSA-11). The average time from the original filing to disposition in the court below was 13.0 months and from disposition in the circuit court to docketing in the Court of Special Appeals was 3.6 months (Table CSA-12). Those time intervals are consistent with the elapsed time data from previous years.

The Court handed down 1,332 majority opinions during Fiscal Year 1988. Of that amount, there were 1,102 unreported and 230 reported opinions. There were also 20 dissenting, two concurring, and two concurring and dissenting opinions filed.

**TABLE CSA-5**  
**DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL**  
**AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CASES**  
**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                      | Granted   | Dismissed or<br>Transferred | Denied     | Remanded | Total      |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Post Conviction      | 9         | 8                           | 102        | 2        | 121        |
| Inmate Grievance     | 1         | 1                           | 9          | 0        | 11         |
| Other Miscellaneous* | 12        | 6                           | 69         | 1        | 88         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>22</b> | <b>15</b>                   | <b>180</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>220</b> |

\*Includes habeas corpus/bail cases, motions for stay of execution of order pending appeal, and appeals from criminal guilty pleas.

NOTE: Counts one outcome per case. Does not include reconsiderations of cases disposed in prior fiscal years or return of remanded cases.

## Pending

At the close of Fiscal Year 1988, there were 617 cases pending in the Court of Special Appeals on its regular docket. That figure included one case from each of the 1985 and 1986 Dockets, as well as 107 cases from the 1987 Docket and 508 cases from the 1988

Docket. The cases pending from the 1987 Docket were generally argued by the end of Fiscal 1988 and are awaiting opinions, while those pending from the 1988 Docket are being scheduled for argument during the current term (Table CSA-6).

**TABLE CSA-6**  
**PENDING CASES**  
**COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**

**Regular Docket**  
**June 30, 1988**

|  | Civil      | Juvenile  | Criminal   | Total       |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Origin   |            |           |            |             |
| 1985 Docket  | 1          | 0         | 0          | 1           |
| 1986 Docket  | 1          | 0         | 0          | 1           |
| 1987 Docket  | 60         | 2         | 45         | 107         |
| 1988 Docket  | 220        | 10        | 278        | 508         |
| <b>Total Cases Pending at<br/>Close of Fiscal 1988</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>323</b> | <b>617*</b> |

\*Includes pending cases to be heard in September Term 1988.

## Trends

The workload of the Court of Special Appeals continues to experience increases both in the criminal and civil areas. There was a dramatic increase from the 1979 Term when there were 1,671 appeals docketed to the 1982 Term when 1,968 appeals were docketed. The increase was directly attributable to the increase in criminal filings which rose over 66 percent between the 1978 (665 criminal appeals) and 1982 (1,107 criminal appeals) Terms (Table CSA-2). The number of appeals did not show a decrease until the 1983 Term when 1,777 appeals were docketed. It appeared that the number of criminal appeals had stabilized during the 1984 and 1985 Terms when there were 751 and 779 criminal appeals, respectively, reported. However, during the 1986 Term, the number of criminal appeals (835) increased by 7.2 percent, thus attributing to the overall increase in regular docket appeals. During the past term, criminal filings rose 3.2 percent.

The initial decrease in criminal filings was attributable to a law enacted in 1983 (Chapter 295 of the 1983 Acts), which allows cases involving a review of judgment following a plea of guilty to be treated as a discretionary appeal rather than an appeal as a matter of right. Individuals appealing from a guilty plea must first file an application for leave to appeal. If granted, the appeal is transferred to the regular

docket. Although this process helped to manage the number of regular docket appeals, it resulted in the initial increase in the number of applications for leave to appeal. There were 128 applications for leave to appeal and other miscellaneous appeals disposed of by the Court during Fiscal 1983 compared to 308 during Fiscal 1984. Like the criminal appeals, the number of applications for leave to appeal appeared to have stabilized during Fiscal Years 1985 and 1986 when 192 and 185 applications were disposed. However, during Fiscal 1987, the number of disposed applications (294) was back to the Fiscal 1984 level. In Fiscal 1988, 220 applications were terminated.

In an effort to keep current with its expanding workload, the Court has continued several innovative programs. There was an expedited appeal process initiated to aid the Court and the litigants in identifying and processing cases in a more rapid manner (see Maryland Rule 1029). The Court of Special Appeals has also continued to use the prehearing conference procedure in an attempt to curtail the number of civil cases. The primary objective is to either settle the cases or limit the issues prior to final preparation of the case on appeal. This technique appears to have been very effective. If the current trend continues, the Court of Special Appeals may anticipate an increase in the number of overall filings, which may be related to a steady increase in criminal cases.

TABLE CSA-7

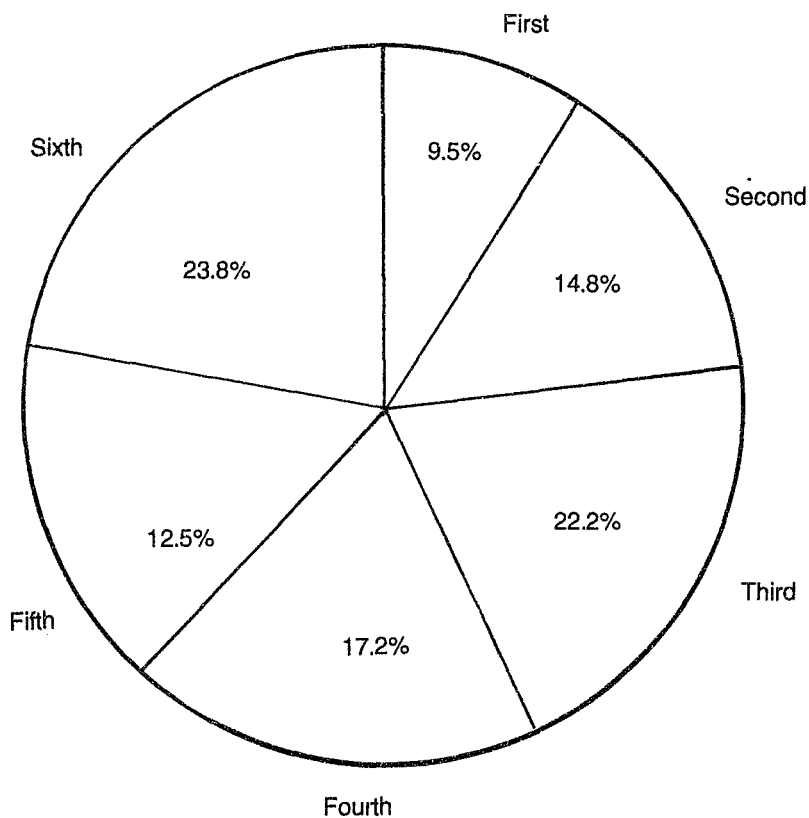
**ORIGIN OF APPEALS BY  
APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUITS AND COUNTIES  
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**

**Regular Docket**

**1987 Term**

|                                 |     |              |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| <b>FIRST APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b>  |     | <b>167</b>   |
| Caroline County                 | 23  |              |
| Cecil County                    | 30  |              |
| Dorchester County               | 11  |              |
| Kent County                     | 12  |              |
| Queen Anne's County             | 5   |              |
| Somerset County                 | 6   |              |
| Talbot County                   | 21  |              |
| Wicomico County                 | 34  |              |
| Worcester County                | 25  |              |
| <b>SECOND APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b> |     | <b>260</b>   |
| Baltimore County                | 216 |              |
| Harford County                  | 44  |              |
| <b>THIRD APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b>  |     | <b>390</b>   |
| Allegany County                 | 27  |              |
| Frederick County                | 21  |              |
| Garrett County                  | 12  |              |
| Montgomery County               | 277 |              |
| Washington County               | 53  |              |
| <b>FOURTH APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b> |     | <b>301</b>   |
| Calvert County                  | 23  |              |
| Charles County                  | 20  |              |
| Prince George's County          | 244 |              |
| St. Mary's County               | 14  |              |
| <b>FIFTH APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b>  |     | <b>219</b>   |
| Anne Arundel County             | 127 |              |
| Carroll County                  | 41  |              |
| Howard County                   | 51  |              |
| <b>SIXTH APPELLATE CIRCUIT</b>  |     | <b>417</b>   |
| Baltimore City                  | 417 |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |     | <b>1,754</b> |

**TABLE CSA-8**  
**ORIGIN OF APPEALS BY**  
**APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUITS**  
**COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**  
**1987 TERM**  
**REGULAR DOCKET**



First Appellate Circuit—167 or 9.5%  
 Second Appellate Circuit—260 or 14.8%  
 Third Appellate Circuit—390 or 22.2%  
 Fourth Appellate Circuit—301 or 17.2%  
 Fifth Appellate Circuit—219 or 12.5%  
 Sixth Appellate Circuit—417 or 23.8%  
 Total—State—1,754 or 100%

**TABLE CSA-9**  
**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**  
**FILINGS ON 1987 REGULAR DOCKET**  
**AND CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS IN FISCAL 1987**

| <b>Jurisdiction</b>    | <b>Court of<br/>Special Appeals<br/>1987 Regular Docket</b> | <b>Circuit Court<br/>Fiscal 1987<br/>Trials</b> | <b>Ratio of<br/>Appeals<br/>to Trials</b> |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Kent County            | 12  | 16  | .75                                       |
| St. Mary's County      | 14  | 33  | .42                                       |
| Carroll County         | 41  | 127   | .32                                       |
| Washington County      | 53  | 199   | .27                                       |
| Baltimore County       | 216   | 800   | .27                                       |
| Queen Anne's County    | 5   | 21  | .24                                       |
| Baltimore City         | 417   | 1,855   | .22                                       |
| Montgomery County      | 277   | 1,755   | .16                                       |
| Calvert County         | 23  | 143   | .16                                       |
| Anne Arundel County    | 127   | 888   | .14                                       |
| Allegany County        | 27  | 191   | .14                                       |
| Howard County          | 51  | 363   | .14                                       |
| Wicomico County        | 34  | 281   | .12                                       |
| Garrett County         | 12  | 104   | .12                                       |
| Talbot County          | 21  | 183   | .11                                       |
| Caroline County        | 23  | 214   | .11                                       |
| Harford County         | 44  | 505   | .09                                       |
| Dorchester County      | 11  | 131   | .08                                       |
| Prince George's County | 244   | 3,261   | .07                                       |
| Somerset County        | 6   | 91  | .07                                       |
| Cecil County           | 30  | 485   | .06                                       |
| Frederick County       | 21  | 351   | .06                                       |
| Charles County         | 20  | 444   | .05                                       |
| Worcester County       | 25  | 562   | .04                                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>1,754</b>  | <b>13,003</b>                                   | <b>.13</b>                                |

TABLE CSA-10

CASES DISPOSED BY  
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

## Regular Docket

JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|  | Civil      | Juvenile  | Criminal   | Total        |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Affirmed   | 343        | 19        | 593        | 955          |
| Reversed   | 96         | 2         | 77         | 175          |
| Dismissed—Opinion Filed                            | 35         | 0         | 5          | 40           |
| Dismissed Without Opinion                          | 0          | 0         | 1          | 1            |
| Remanded Without Affirmance<br>or Reversal         | 6          | 2         | 4          | 12           |
| Vacated and Remanded                               | 35         | 1         | 13         | 49           |
| Affirmed in Part, Reversed<br>in Part              | 43         | 1         | 66         | 110          |
| Dismissed Prior to Argument<br>or Submission       | 227        | 13        | 127        | 367          |
| Transferred to Court of Appeals                    | 48         | 0         | 5          | 53           |
| Origin   |            |           |            |              |
| 1986 Docket  | 48         | 2         | 56         | 106          |
| 1987 Docket  | 731        | 36        | 801        | 1,568        |
| 1988 Docket  | 54         | 0         | 34         | 88           |
| <b>Total Cases Disposed<br/>During Fiscal 1988</b> | <b>833</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>891</b> | <b>1,762</b> |

TABLE CSA-11

**AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS FOR  
CASES DISPOSED BY  
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**

**Regular Docket**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988**

|                 | <b>Docketing to Argument<br/>or to Disposition<br/>Without Argument<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>Argument to<br/>Decision<sup>b</sup></b> |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Days            | 125.1   | 28.0  |
| Months          | 4.2   | 0.9   |
| Number of Cases | 1,762   | 1,333                                       |

<sup>a</sup>Includes all cases disposed in Fiscal 1988.

<sup>b</sup>Includes all cases disposed in Fiscal 1988 which were argued.

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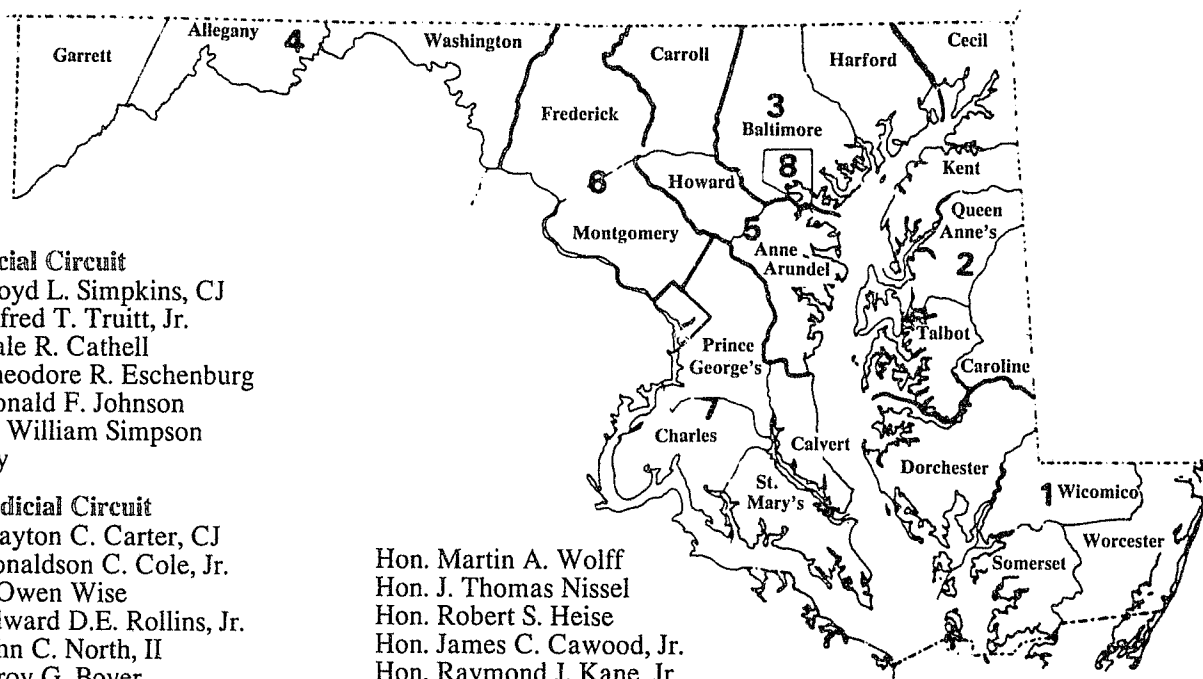
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE  
AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS  
FOR FILING OF APPEALS ON THE REGULAR DOCKET  
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**

**(In Days and Months)**

| <b>Docket</b> | <b>Original Filing<br/>to Disposition<br/>in Court Below</b> | <b>Disposition in<br/>Circuit Court to<br/>Docketing in<br/>Court of Special Appeals</b> |
|---------------|--|--|
| 1983          | 392<br>13.1  | 115<br>3.8   |
| 1984          | 402<br>13.4  | 126<br>4.2   |
| 1985          | 389<br>13.0  | 121<br>4.0   |
| 1986          | 375<br>12.5  | 115<br>3.8   |
| 1987          | 391<br>13.0  | 108<br>3.6   |



**The Circuit Courts — Judiciary Map and Members  
as of September 1, 1988**

**First Judicial Circuit**

\*Hon. Lloyd L. Simpkins, CJ  
 Hon. Alfred T. Truitt, Jr.  
 Hon. Dale R. Cathell  
 Hon. Theodore R. Eschenburg  
 Hon. Donald F. Johnson  
 Hon. D. William Simpson  
 Vacancy

**Second Judicial Circuit**

Hon. Clayton C. Carter, CJ  
 Hon. Donaldson C. Cole, Jr.  
 \*Hon. J. Owen Wise  
 Hon. Edward D.E. Rollins, Jr.  
 Hon. John C. North, II  
 Hon. Elroy G. Boyer

**Third Judicial Circuit**

\*Hon. Frank E. Cicone, CJ  
 Hon. Edward A. DeWaters, Jr.  
 Hon. William R. Buchanan, Sr.  
 Hon. J. William Hinkel  
 Hon. John F. Fader, II  
 Hon. Cypert O. Whitfill  
 Hon. A. Owen Hennegan  
 Hon. Leonard S. Jacobson  
 Hon. William O. Carr  
 Hon. Joseph F. Murphy, Jr.  
 Hon. William M. Nickerson  
 Hon. James T. Smith, Jr.  
 Hon. Dana M. Levitz  
 Hon. John G. Turnbull, II  
 Hon. Maurice W. Baldwin, Jr.  
 Hon. Stephen M. Waldron  
 Vacancy  
 Vacancy

**Fourth Judicial Circuit**

Hon. Frederick A. Thayer, III, CJ  
 Hon. John P. Corderman  
 \*Hon. Frederick C. Wright, III  
 Hon. J. Frederick Sharer  
 Hon. Daniel W. Moylan  
 Hon. Gary G. Leasure

**Fifth Judicial Circuit**

Hon. Bruce C. Williams, CJ  
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 Hon. Robert F. Fischer  
 Hon. Donald J. Gilmore  
 Hon. H. Chester Goudy, Jr.  
 Hon. Luke K. Burns, Jr.  
 Hon. Eugene M. Lerner

Hon. Martin A. Wolff  
 Hon. J. Thomas Nissel  
 Hon. Robert S. Heise  
 Hon. James C. Cawood, Jr.  
 Hon. Raymond J. Kane, Jr.  
 Hon. Robert H. Heller, Jr.  
 Hon. Cornelius F. Sybert, Jr.  
 Vacancy

**Sixth Judicial Circuit**

\*Hon. John J. Mitchell, CJ  
 Hon. Stanley B. Frosh  
 Hon. William M. Cave  
 Hon. Calvin R. Sanders  
 Hon. James S. McAuliffe, Jr.  
 Hon. Irma S. Raker  
 Hon. William C. Miller  
 Hon. L. Leonard Ruben  
 Hon. DeLawrence Beard  
 Hon. Clater W. Smith, Jr.  
 Hon. G. Edward Dwyer, Jr.  
 Hon. Peter J. Messitte  
 Hon. J. James McKenna  
 Hon. Mary Ann Stepler  
 Hon. Paul H. Weinstein  
 Hon. Vincent E. Ferretti, Jr.

**Seventh Judicial Circuit**

\*Hon. Ernest A. Loveless, Jr., CJ  
 Hon. William H. McCullough  
 Hon. Jacob S. Levin  
 Hon. George W. Bowling  
 Hon. Robert J. Woods  
 Hon. Howard S. Chasanow  
 Hon. Vincent J. Femia  
 Hon. Robert H. Mason  
 Hon. Audrey E. Melbourne  
 Hon. David Gray Ross  
 Hon. James M. Rea  
 Hon. Richard J. Clark  
 Hon. Arthur M. Ahalt  
 Hon. G.R. Hovey Johnson

Hon. Joseph S. Casula  
 Hon. Darlene G. Perry  
 Hon. John H. Briscoe  
 Hon. Graydon S. McKee, III  
 Hon. Thomas A. Rymer  
 Hon. William D. Missouri  
 Vacancy  
 Vacancy

**Eighth Judicial Circuit**

Hon. Robert I.H. Hammerman, CJ  
 Hon. David Ross  
 Hon. Mary Arabian  
 \*Hon. Joseph H.H. Kaplan  
 Hon. Edgar P. Silver  
 Hon. Elsbeth Levy Bothe  
 Hon. Joseph I. Pines  
 Hon. John Carroll Byrnes  
 Hon. Thomas Ward  
 Hon. Kenneth Lavon Johnson  
 Hon. Edward J. Angeletti  
 Hon. Arrie W. Davis  
 Hon. Thomas E. Noel  
 Hon. David B. Mitchell  
 Hon. Hilary D. Caplan  
 Hon. Kathleen O'Ferrall Friedman  
 Hon. Marvin B. Steinberg  
 Hon. Clifton J. Gordy, Jr.  
 Hon. Mabel H. Hubbard  
 Hon. John N. Prevas  
 Hon. Ellen M. Heller  
 Hon. Roger W. Brown  
 Vacancy  
 Vacancy

\*Circuit Administrative Judge

## The Circuit Courts

The circuit courts are the highest common law and equity courts of record exercising original jurisdiction within the State. Each has full common law and equity powers and jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases within its county and all the additional powers and jurisdiction conferred by the Constitution and by law, except where by law jurisdiction has been limited or conferred upon another tribunal.

In each county of the State and in Baltimore City, there is a circuit court which is a trial court of general jurisdiction. Its jurisdiction is very broad, but generally it handles the major civil cases and more serious criminal matters. The circuit courts also decide appeals from the District Court and from certain administrative agencies.

The courts are grouped into eight geographical circuits. Each of the first seven circuits is comprised of two or more counties while the Eighth Judicial Circuit consists of Baltimore City. On January 1, 1983, the former Supreme Bench was consolidated into the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

As of July 1, 1987, there were 109 circuit court judges with at least one judge for each county and 23 in Baltimore City. Unlike the other three court levels in Maryland, there is no chief judge who is administrative head of the circuit courts. However, there are eight circuit administrative judges appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals who perform administrative duties in each of their respective circuits. They are assisted by county administrative judges.

Each circuit court judge is initially appointed to office by the Governor and must stand for election at the next general election following by at least one year the vacancy the judge was appointed to fill. The judge may be opposed by one or more members of the bar. The successful candidate is elected to a fifteen-year term of office.

### Filings

During Fiscal Year 1988, there were 206,018 total filings reported for the circuit courts, an increase of 4.2 percent or 8,393 over the 197,625 filings reported for Fiscal 1987 (Table CC-2). Civil case filings increased by the greatest percentage, 6.1 percent or 6,452 cases, followed by criminal filings which increased by 4.8 percent or 2,676 (Tables CC-20 and CC-24). The only decrease was reported in juvenile filings which decreased by 2 percent or 735 filings (Table CC-29).

Again this year, civil filings represented the greatest number of circuit court filings overall, 54.7 percent (Table CC-7). The four largest counties along with

Baltimore City contributed the majority of the civil filings reported with 81,725 or 72.6 percent. Baltimore City accounted for the greatest number of civil filings, 23,494 or 20.9 percent followed by Prince George's and Montgomery Counties with 21,451 (19 percent) and 14,403 (12.8 percent), respectively. Baltimore County contributed 13,365 (11.9 percent) while Anne Arundel County reported 9,012 civil filings or 8 percent. The remaining 19 counties reported 30,920 civil filings, an increase of 10.6 percent over the previous fiscal year (Table CC-20). The most significant decrease in the civil category was reported in contested confessed judgment which decreased by 83.1 percent. However, the increases in adoption/guardianship and domestic relations cases helped to offset that significant decrease resulting in an overall increase in civil filings.

In exercising jurisdiction formerly held by an orphan's court, the Circuit Court for Montgomery County reported that it conducted 174 hearings and signed 2,852 orders. The Circuit Court for Harford County, which exercises the same jurisdiction, recorded 15 hearings and signed 500 orders.

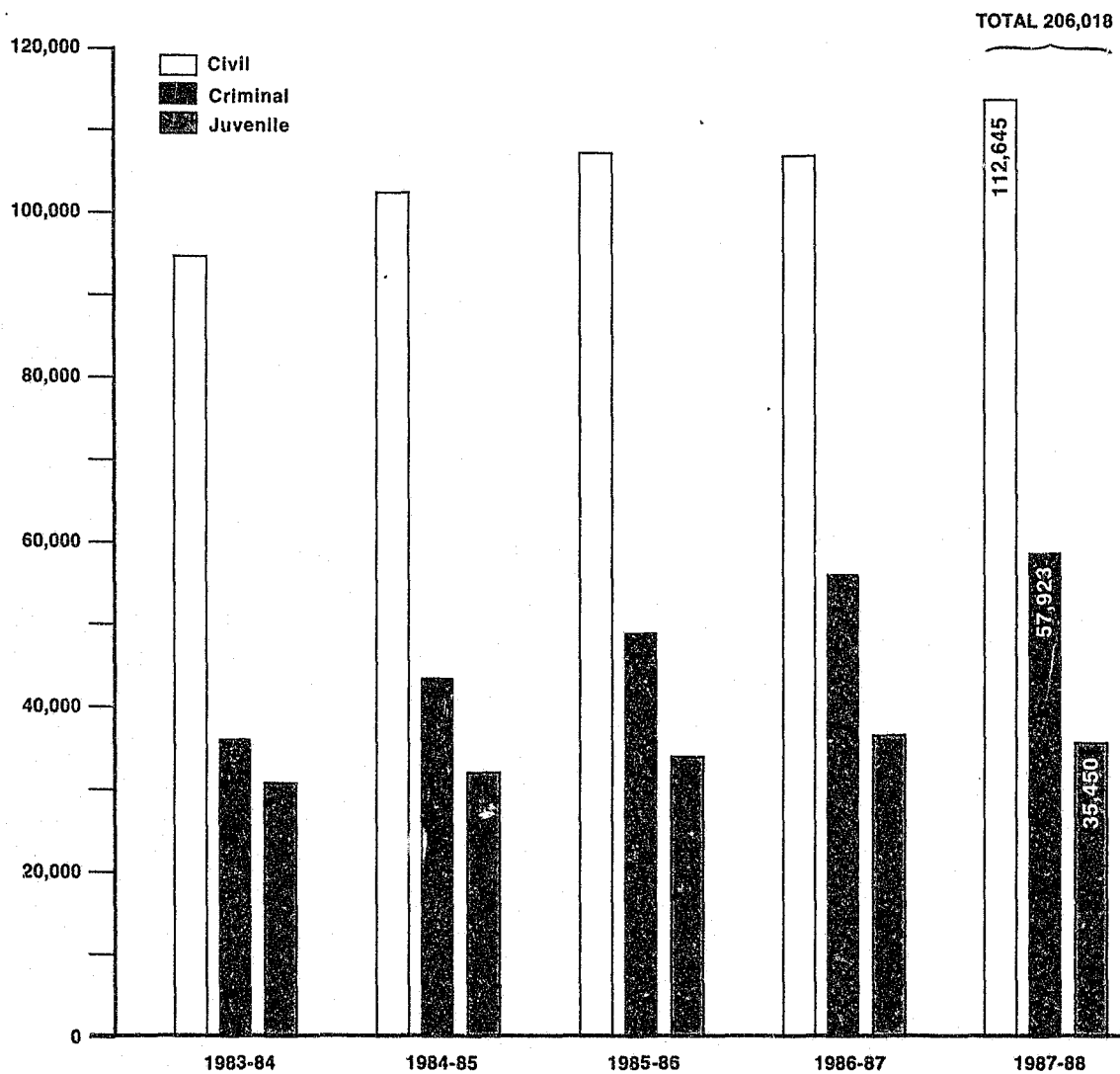
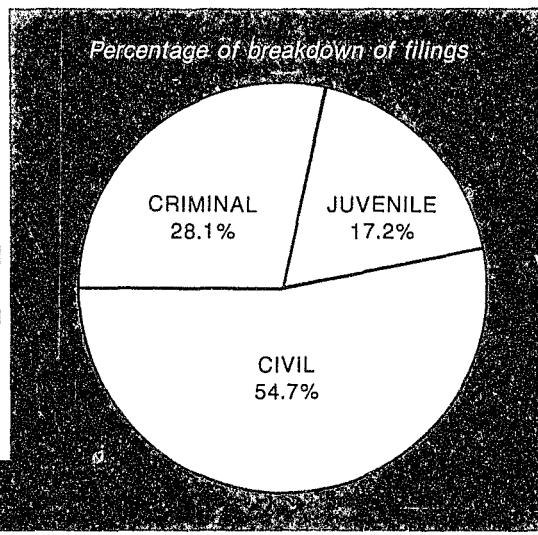
Criminal case filings also increased during Fiscal Year 1988, from 55,247 in Fiscal 1987 to the current level of 57,923, an increase of 4.8 percent or 2,676 filings (Table CC-24). Criminal filings accounted for 28.1 percent of the total filings reported. Jury trial prayers increased by 5.5 percent, from 28,244 in Fiscal 1987 to 29,784 in Fiscal 1988 (Table CC-5). Also contributing to the increase in criminal case filings were increases in motor vehicle appeals from the District Court (12.7 percent), and indictment information (10.1 percent). The greatest number of criminal filings continue to come from Baltimore City and the four largest counties with Baltimore City contributing the most (15,759 or 27.2 percent). Baltimore County reported 8,719 filings followed by Prince George's and Montgomery Counties with 7,314 and 7,120, respectively. Anne Arundel County reported 3,669 criminal filings (Table CC-24).

Juvenile was the only functional area to report a decrease. There were 35,450 juvenile filings reported for Fiscal 1988 compared to 36,185 for Fiscal 1987, a decrease of 2 percent (Table CC-28). Overall, juvenile filings represented 17.2 percent of the circuit court filings reported during Fiscal 1988. Baltimore City contributed a significant number of the juvenile filings reported with 13,805 followed by Prince George's County with 6,549 and Baltimore County with 3,425. Over 75 percent of all juvenile filings were delinquency cases (Table CC-8).

**TABLE CC-1**  
**CIRCUIT COURT—FILINGS BY FISCAL YEAR**

|              | 1983-84 | 1984-85 | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Filings      | 165,169 | 175,785 | 189,899 | 197,625 | 206,018 |
| Terminations | 150,913 | 155,397 | 159,559 | 164,668 | 183,403 |

Includes Montgomery County Juvenile Causes



**TABLE CC-2**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**ALL CASES**  
**FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**  
**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                        | COMBINED ORIGINAL AND REOPENED CASES FILED AND TERMINATED |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                        | 1983-84   |                | 1984-85        |                | 1985-86        |                | 1986-87        |                | 1987-88        |                |
|                        | F   | T              | F              | T              | F              | T              | F              | T              | F              | T              |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>6,398</b>  | <b>6,201</b>   | <b>6,366</b>   | <b>5,899</b>   | <b>7,552</b>   | <b>7,205</b>   | <b>7,670</b>   | <b>7,313</b>   | <b>7,930</b>   | <b>7,418</b>   |
| Dorchester             | 1,305   | 1,204          | 1,480          | 1,408          | 1,837          | 1,960          | 1,865          | 1,722          | 1,726          | 1,533          |
| Somerset               | 800   | 799            | 759            | 688            | 940            | 898            | 1,021          | 951            | 1,108          | 1,008          |
| Wicomico               | 2,583   | 2,573          | 2,245          | 2,171          | 2,644          | 2,375          | 2,604          | 2,528          | 2,994          | 2,830          |
| Worcester              | 1,710   | 1,625          | 1,882          | 1,632          | 2,131          | 1,972          | 2,180          | 2,112          | 2,102          | 2,047          |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>5,369</b>  | <b>5,081</b>   | <b>5,625</b>   | <b>5,368</b>   | <b>5,891</b>   | <b>5,348</b>   | <b>6,259</b>   | <b>5,533</b>   | <b>6,939</b>   | <b>6,243</b>   |
| Caroline               | 687   | 683            | 897            | 747            | 977            | 986            | 1,016          | 836            | 1,180          | 1,188          |
| Cecil                  | 2,356   | 2,133          | 2,484          | 2,435          | 2,376          | 2,121          | 2,549          | 2,245          | 2,897          | 2,476          |
| Kent                   | 388   | 365            | 372            | 402            | 551            | 427            | 668            | 648            | 643            | 570            |
| Queen Anne's           | 991   | 937            | 939            | 977            | 944            | 909            | 951            | 898            | 1,045          | 1,000          |
| Talbot                 | 947   | 963            | 933            | 807            | 1,043          | 905            | 1,075          | 906            | 1,174          | 1,009          |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>22,931</b>   | <b>21,102</b>  | <b>25,144</b>  | <b>21,298</b>  | <b>28,487</b>  | <b>23,661</b>  | <b>29,792</b>  | <b>25,179</b>  | <b>31,968</b>  | <b>28,912</b>  |
| Baltimore              | 18,352  | 17,526         | 20,176         | 17,515         | 23,137         | 19,543         | 24,325         | 20,603         | 25,509         | 22,572         |
| Harford                | 4,579   | 2,576          | 4,968          | 3,783          | 5,350          | 4,118          | 5,467          | 4,576          | 6,459          | 6,340          |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>5,378</b>  | <b>4,970</b>   | <b>5,947</b>   | <b>5,578</b>   | <b>6,645</b>   | <b>5,791</b>   | <b>6,679</b>   | <b>5,704</b>   | <b>7,463</b>   | <b>7,591</b>   |
| Allegany               | 1,544   | 1,232          | 1,702          | 1,564          | 1,935          | 1,553          | 1,828          | 1,392          | 2,052          | 2,469          |
| Garrett                | 701   | 761            | 718            | 698            | 684            | 692            | 747            | 745            | 906            | 889            |
| Washington             | 3,133   | 2,977          | 3,527          | 3,316          | 4,026          | 3,546          | 4,104          | 3,567          | 4,505          | 4,233          |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>23,727</b>   | <b>21,959</b>  | <b>26,037</b>  | <b>23,322</b>  | <b>26,681</b>  | <b>22,005</b>  | <b>25,329</b>  | <b>23,393</b>  | <b>25,611</b>  | <b>21,247</b>  |
| Anne Arundel           | 16,501  | 15,265         | 18,250         | 15,837         | 18,257         | 14,469         | 16,723         | 15,618         | 15,717         | 11,772         |
| Carroll                | 3,434   | 3,091          | 3,543          | 3,356          | 3,603          | 3,327          | 3,757          | 3,314          | 4,049          | 3,811          |
| Howard                 | 3,792   | 3,603          | 4,244          | 4,129          | 4,821          | 4,209          | 4,849          | 4,461          | 5,845          | 5,664          |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>22,596</b>   | <b>20,320</b>  | <b>23,472</b>  | <b>21,871</b>  | <b>24,526</b>  | <b>20,887</b>  | <b>26,011</b>  | <b>18,601</b>  | <b>27,972</b>  | <b>23,534</b>  |
| Frederick              | 2,574   | 2,371          | 2,718          | 2,699          | 3,163          | 2,802          | 3,388          | 2,841          | 3,805          | 3,284          |
| Montgomery*            | 20,022  | 17,949         | 20,754         | 19,172         | 21,363         | 18,085         | 22,623         | 15,760         | 24,167         | 20,250         |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>35,561</b>   | <b>36,099</b>  | <b>36,066</b>  | <b>30,834</b>  | <b>39,422</b>  | <b>33,191</b>  | <b>43,583</b>  | <b>40,649</b>  | <b>45,077</b>  | <b>40,742</b>  |
| Calvert                | 1,317   | 1,134          | 1,467          | 1,335          | 1,585          | 1,582          | 1,536          | 1,488          | 1,695          | 1,600          |
| Charles                | 3,010   | 2,768          | 3,195          | 3,040          | 3,804          | 3,549          | 4,710          | 4,124          | 4,733          | 4,257          |
| Prince George's        | 29,653  | 30,727         | 29,916         | 25,100         | 32,542         | 26,660         | 34,525         | 32,711         | 35,314         | 31,943         |
| St. Mary's             | 1,581   | 1,470          | 1,488          | 1,359          | 1,491          | 1,400          | 2,812          | 2,326          | 3,335          | 2,942          |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>40,121</b>   | <b>32,333</b>  | <b>47,128</b>  | <b>41,227</b>  | <b>50,695</b>  | <b>41,471</b>  | <b>52,302</b>  | <b>38,296</b>  | <b>53,058</b>  | <b>47,716</b>  |
| Baltimore City         | 40,121  | 32,333         | 47,128         | 41,227         | 50,695         | 41,471         | 52,302         | 38,296         | 53,058         | 47,716         |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>162,081</b>  | <b>148,065</b> | <b>175,785</b> | <b>155,397</b> | <b>189,899</b> | <b>159,559</b> | <b>197,625</b> | <b>164,668</b> | <b>206,018</b> | <b>183,403</b> |

\*Includes juvenile causes processed at the District Court level.

NOTE: See note on Table CC-20.

TABLE CC-3

**TERMINATIONS AS A PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS**

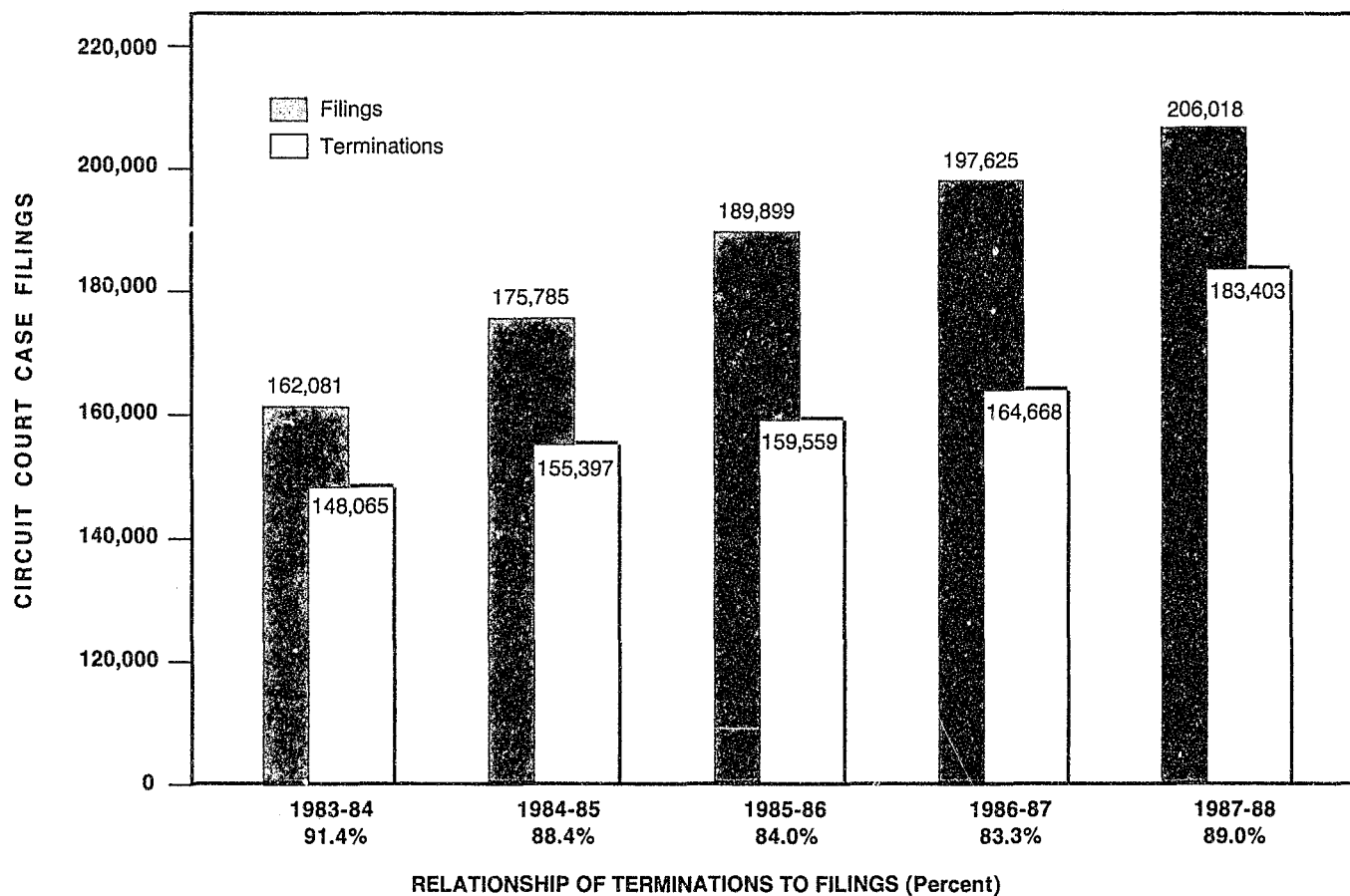


TABLE CC-4

**CASES TRIED BY MAJOR JURISDICTION**

JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|                 | State        | Baltimore City | All Counties | Four Largest Counties | Other 19 Counties |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>CIVIL</b>    | <b>8,879</b> | <b>1,386</b>   | <b>7,493</b> | <b>4,617</b>          | <b>2,876</b>      |
| Court Trial     | 7,592        | 1,164          | 6,428        | 3,870                 | 2,558             |
| Jury Trial      | 1,287        | 222            | 1,065        | 747                   | 318               |
| <b>CRIMINAL</b> | <b>4,320</b> | <b>1,167</b>   | <b>3,153</b> | <b>1,626</b>          | <b>1,527</b>      |
| Court Trial     | 2,456        | 765            | 1,691        | 781                   | 910               |
| Jury Trial      | 1,864        | 402            | 1,462        | 845                   | 617               |

## Terminations

Circuit court terminations also increased during Fiscal Year 1988. There were 164,668 terminations in Fiscal 1987 compared to 183,403 in Fiscal 1988, an increase of 11.4 percent (Table CC-2). Increases were reported in both the civil and criminal categories while juvenile terminations decreased. The ratio of terminations as a percentage of filings increased during Fiscal Year 1988, from 83.3 percent to the present level of 89 percent.

Civil terminations increased by 15.2 percent, representing the second consecutive year of an increase since Fiscal 1984. There was also an increase reported in criminal terminations, from 44,910 in Fiscal 1987 to 52,039 in Fiscal 1988, an increase of 15.9 percent. Following the decrease in juvenile filings, juvenile terminations also decreased during Fiscal 1988 by 3.6 percent. In the civil area, the greatest increase was reported in paternity terminations (34.7 percent), while motor vehicle appeals from the District Court represented the greatest increase in the criminal category (34.6 percent).

Of the major jurisdictions, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties were the only ones to report a decrease in overall terminations, 24.6 percent and 2.3 percent, respectively (Table CC-2). The decrease in Anne Arundel County can be attributed to the decrease in both civil (36.1 percent) and juvenile terminations (15.1 percent) (Tables CC-20 and CC-28).

## Pending

There were 250,694 cases pending at the close of Fiscal 1988, an increase of 11.4 percent over Fiscal 1987. Included in that total were 185,796 civil cases; 44,674 criminal cases; and 20,224 juvenile cases including 1,952 juvenile causes from Montgomery County (Table CC-6.9). Those figures compare to 224,969 cases pending at the close of Fiscal 1987 of which 163,262 were civil; 42,408 were criminal; and 19,299 were juvenile including 1,540 juvenile causes from Montgomery County. The five major jurisdictions contributed the majority of the cases with 86.5 percent or 216,869 cases pending.

## Court Trials, Jury Trials, and Hearings

The circuit courts conducted a total of 226,094 judicial proceedings during Fiscal Year 1988, an increase of

11.2 percent over the previous year. Included in that figure were 51,370 civil hearings; 96,284 criminal hearings; 65,241 juvenile hearings; 10,048 court trials; and 3,151 jury trials (Table CC-10). Over 75 percent of the court trials held were civil in nature while over 59 percent of the jury trials were of a criminal nature.

## Elapsed Time of Case Dispositions

The average time period from the filing of an original case to its disposition remained relatively constant for civil and juvenile cases and rose for criminal cases (Table CC-13). When the older, inactive cases, which constitute approximately 5 percent of the total cases, are excluded, the average time to dispose of a civil case was 213 days in Fiscal 1988 compared to 214 days in Fiscal 1987 and 204 days in Fiscal 1986. Criminal cases averaged 120 days from filing to disposition in Fiscal 1988, 112 days in Fiscal 1987, and 106 days in Fiscal 1986. The average time to dispose of juvenile cases was 67 days in Fiscal 1988 and 66 days in Fiscal 1986 and 1987.

## Trends

Circuit court filings have continued to increase steadily over the past few years. This was the second year in the last five that the increase in overall filings was less than 10,000 filings. Fiscal Year 1988 also marked the second consecutive year in five years that an increase was not reported in all three functional areas. Civil and criminal filings increased by 6.1 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively, while juvenile filings decreased by 2 percent. Overall filings increased by 4.2 percent, from 197,625 in Fiscal 1987 to 206,018 in Fiscal 1988.

Adoption and guardianship cases accounted for the greatest percentage increase in civil cases during Fiscal 1988 while motor vehicle appeals from the District Court reported the greatest increases in criminal filings. Again this year, CINA cases reported the greatest increase in the juvenile area.

The increase in jury trial prayers went from 21.3 percent in Fiscal 1987 to 5.5 percent in Fiscal 1988. Jury trial prayers still represent over 50 percent of the criminal filings reported each year. In the civil area, both motor tort and other tort filings increased by 6.9 percent and 16.8 percent, respectively.

TABLE CC-5

## JURY TRIAL PRAYERS PRE- AND POST-GERSTUNG LAW (CHAPTER 608)

|                        | Pre-<br>Ch. 608 | Post-Ch. 608 |              |               |               |               |               |               |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                        | FY 81           | FY 82        | FY 83        | FY 84         | FY 85         | FY 86         | FY 87         | FY 88         |
| Baltimore City*        | 5,925           | 2,034        | 3,209        | 4,128         | 5,948         | 7,407         | 8,698         | 8,714         |
| Anne Arundel County    | 503             | 381          | 392          | 459           | 720           | 922           | 1,066         | 1,343         |
| Baltimore County       | 1,312           | 1,050        | 1,424        | 1,513         | 2,245         | 3,363         | 4,348         | 4,683         |
| Montgomery County      | 636             | 489          | 1,223        | 1,924         | 2,631         | 2,511         | 3,560         | 3,955         |
| Prince George's County | 952             | 895          | 1,583        | 2,755         | 4,043         | 4,348         | 4,003         | 3,111         |
| All Other Counties     | 2,962           | 1,399        | 1,930        | 2,414         | 3,593         | 4,733         | 6,569         | 7,978         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>12,290</b>   | <b>6,248</b> | <b>9,761</b> | <b>13,193</b> | <b>19,180</b> | <b>23,284</b> | <b>28,244</b> | <b>29,784</b> |

\*Based on number of defendants provided by the Criminal Assignment Office of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

**TABLE CC-6.1**  
**CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE FILED, TERMINATED,**  
**AND PENDING IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                            | <b>PENDING</b>                   | <b>FILED</b>                     |              |                | <b>TERMINATED</b>                |              |                | <b>PENDING</b>             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|
|                            | <b>Beginning<br/>of<br/>Year</b> | <b>Cases<br/>and<br/>Appeals</b> | <b>Cases</b> | <b>Appeals</b> | <b>Cases<br/>and<br/>Appeals</b> | <b>Cases</b> | <b>Appeals</b> | <b>End<br/>of<br/>Year</b> |
| <b>TOTAL—FIRST CIRCUIT</b> | <b>3,402</b>                     | <b>7,930</b>                     | <b>7,620</b> | <b>310</b>     | <b>7,418</b>                     | <b>7,138</b> | <b>280</b>     | <b>3,914</b>               |
| Civil                      | 2,288                            | 4,719                            | 4,588        | 131            | 4,392                            | 4,284        | 108            | 2,615                      |
| Criminal                   | 1,002                            | 2,635                            | 2,456        | 179            | 2,454                            | 2,282        | 172            | 1,183                      |
| Juvenile                   | 112                              | 576                              | 576          | —              | 572                              | 572          | —              | 116                        |
| <b>DORCHESTER COUNTY</b>   | <b>739</b>                       | <b>1,726</b>                     | <b>1,661</b> | <b>65</b>      | <b>1,533</b>                     | <b>1,474</b> | <b>59</b>      | <b>932</b>                 |
| Civil                      | 552                              | 1,190                            | 1,165        | 25             | 1,036                            | 1,012        | 24             | 706                        |
| Criminal                   | 166                              | 440                              | 400          | 40             | 399                              | 364          | 35             | 207                        |
| Juvenile                   | 21                               | 96                               | 96           | —              | 98                               | 98           | —              | 19                         |
| <b>SOMERSET COUNTY</b>     | <b>481</b>                       | <b>1,108</b>                     | <b>1,079</b> | <b>29</b>      | <b>1,008</b>                     | <b>989</b>   | <b>19</b>      | <b>581</b>                 |
| Civil                      | 340                              | 783                              | 766          | 17             | 742                              | 733          | 9              | 381                        |
| Criminal                   | 124                              | 238                              | 226          | 12             | 182                              | 172          | 10             | 180                        |
| Juvenile                   | 17                               | 87                               | 87           | —              | 84                               | 84           | —              | 20                         |
| <b>WICOMICO COUNTY</b>     | <b>1,093</b>                     | <b>2,994</b>                     | <b>2,907</b> | <b>87</b>      | <b>2,830</b>                     | <b>2,734</b> | <b>96</b>      | <b>1,257</b>               |
| Civil                      | 760                              | 1,650                            | 1,614        | 36             | 1,524                            | 1,483        | 41             | 886                        |
| Criminal                   | 306                              | 1,161                            | 1,110        | 51             | 1,119                            | 1,064        | 55             | 348                        |
| Juvenile                   | 27                               | 183                              | 183          | —              | 187                              | 187          | —              | 23                         |
| <b>WORCESTER COUNTY</b>    | <b>1,089</b>                     | <b>2,102</b>                     | <b>1,973</b> | <b>129</b>     | <b>2,047</b>                     | <b>1,941</b> | <b>106</b>     | <b>1,144</b>               |
| Civil                      | 636                              | 1,096                            | 1,043        | 53             | 1,090                            | 1,056        | 34             | 642                        |
| Criminal                   | 406                              | 796                              | 720          | 76             | 754                              | 682          | 72             | 448                        |
| Juvenile                   | 47                               | 210                              | 210          | —              | 203                              | 203          | —              | 54                         |

NOTE: The beginning inventory figures have been adjusted to reflect additions and deletions of cases resulting from routine maintenance and the removal of old cases that were actually terminated in a prior fiscal year. This adjustment is reflected in Table CC-6.1 through Table CC-6.9.

**TABLE CC-6.2**  
**CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE FILED, TERMINATED,**  
**AND PENDING IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**  
**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                             | <u>PENDING</u>          | <u>FILED</u>            |              |            | <u>TERMINATED</u>       |              |            | <u>PENDING</u>    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
|                             | Beginning<br>of<br>Year | Cases<br>and<br>Appeals | Cases        | Appeals    | Cases<br>and<br>Appeals | Cases        | Appeals    | End<br>of<br>Year |
| <b>TOTAL—SECOND CIRCUIT</b> | <b>3,259</b>            | <b>6,939</b>            | <b>6,617</b> | <b>322</b> | <b>6,243</b>            | <b>5,959</b> | <b>284</b> | <b>3,955</b>      |
| Civil                       | 2,114                   | 4,373                   | 4,254        | 119        | 3,964                   | 3,871        | 93         | 2,523             |
| Criminal                    | 1,006                   | 1,858                   | 1,655        | 203        | 1,595                   | 1,404        | 191        | 1,269             |
| Juvenile                    | 139                     | 708                     | 708          | —          | 684                     | 684          | —          | 163               |
| <b>CAROLINE COUNTY</b>      | <b>537</b>              | <b>1,180</b>            | <b>1,131</b> | <b>49</b>  | <b>1,188</b>            | <b>1,160</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>529</b>        |
| Civil                       | 362                     | 832                     | 807          | 25         | 807                     | 797          | 10         | 387               |
| Criminal                    | 154                     | 260                     | 236          | 24         | 280                     | 262          | 18         | 134               |
| Juvenile                    | 21                      | 88                      | 88           | —          | 101                     | 101          | —          | 8                 |
| <b>CECIL COUNTY</b>         | <b>1,509</b>            | <b>2,897</b>            | <b>2,745</b> | <b>152</b> | <b>2,476</b>            | <b>2,345</b> | <b>131</b> | <b>1,930</b>      |
| Civil                       | 936                     | 1,875                   | 1,830        | 45         | 1,589                   | 1,556        | 33         | 1,222             |
| Criminal                    | 502                     | 720                     | 613          | 107        | 617                     | 519          | 98         | 605               |
| Juvenile                    | 71                      | 302                     | 302          | —          | 270                     | 270          | —          | 103               |
| <b>KENT COUNTY</b>          | <b>280</b>              | <b>643</b>              | <b>613</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>570</b>              | <b>536</b>   | <b>34</b>  | <b>353</b>        |
| Civil                       | 198                     | 376                     | 360          | 16         | 370                     | 352          | 18         | 204               |
| Criminal                    | 76                      | 220                     | 206          | 14         | 158                     | 142          | 16         | 138               |
| Juvenile                    | 6                       | 47                      | 47           | —          | 42                      | 42           | —          | 11                |
| <b>QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY</b>  | <b>412</b>              | <b>1,045</b>            | <b>1,010</b> | <b>35</b>  | <b>1,000</b>            | <b>961</b>   | <b>39</b>  | <b>457</b>        |
| Civil                       | 260                     | 619                     | 608          | 11         | 579                     | 570          | 9          | 300               |
| Criminal                    | 131                     | 312                     | 288          | 24         | 304                     | 274          | 30         | 139               |
| Juvenile                    | 21                      | 114                     | 114          | —          | 117                     | 117          | —          | 18                |
| <b>TALBOT COUNTY</b>        | <b>521</b>              | <b>1,174</b>            | <b>1,118</b> | <b>56</b>  | <b>1,009</b>            | <b>957</b>   | <b>52</b>  | <b>686</b>        |
| Civil                       | 358                     | 671                     | 649          | 22         | 619                     | 596          | 23         | 410               |
| Criminal                    | 143                     | 346                     | 312          | 34         | 236                     | 207          | 29         | 253               |
| Juvenile                    | 20                      | 157                     | 157          | —          | 154                     | 154          | —          | 23                |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-6.1.

TABLE CC-6.3

CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE FILED, TERMINATED,  
AND PENDING IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLANDJULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|                            | PENDING           | FILED             |               |              | TERMINATED        |               |              | PENDING       |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                            | Beginning of Year | Cases and Appeals | Cases         | Appeals      | Cases and Appeals | Cases         | Appeals      | End of Year   |
| <b>TOTAL—THIRD CIRCUIT</b> | <b>29,385</b>     | <b>31,968</b>     | <b>29,984</b> | <b>1,984</b> | <b>28,912</b>     | <b>27,228</b> | <b>1,684</b> | <b>32,441</b> |
| Civil                      | 19,888            | 16,676            | 15,789        | 887          | 15,351            | 14,599        | 752          | 21,213        |
| Criminal                   | 8,729             | 11,046            | 9,949         | 1,097        | 9,200             | 8,268         | 932          | 10,575        |
| Juvenile                   | 768               | 4,246             | 4,246         | —            | 4,361             | 4,361         | —            | 653           |
| <b>BALTIMORE COUNTY</b>    | <b>22,690</b>     | <b>25,509</b>     | <b>23,828</b> | <b>1,681</b> | <b>22,572</b>     | <b>21,165</b> | <b>1,407</b> | <b>25,627</b> |
| Civil                      | 14,859            | 13,365            | 12,655        | 710          | 11,899            | 11,314        | 585          | 16,325        |
| Criminal                   | 7,372             | 8,719             | 7,748         | 971          | 7,301             | 6,479         | 822          | 8,790         |
| Juvenile                   | 459               | 3,425             | 3,425         | —            | 3,372             | 3,372         | —            | 512           |
| <b>HARFORD COUNTY</b>      | <b>6,695</b>      | <b>6,459</b>      | <b>6,156</b>  | <b>303</b>   | <b>6,340</b>      | <b>6,063</b>  | <b>277</b>   | <b>6,814</b>  |
| Civil                      | 5,029             | 3,311             | 3,134         | 177          | 3,452             | 3,285         | 167          | 4,888         |
| Criminal                   | 1,357             | 2,327             | 2,201         | 126          | 1,899             | 1,789         | 110          | 1,785         |
| Juvenile                   | 309               | 821               | 821           | —            | 989               | 989           | —            | 141           |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-6.1.

**TABLE CC-6.4**  
**CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE FILED, TERMINATED,**  
**AND PENDING IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**  
**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                             | <u>PENDING</u>          | <u>FILED</u>            |              |            | <u>TERMINATED</u>       |              |            | <u>PENDING</u>    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
|                             | Beginning<br>of<br>Year | Cases<br>and<br>Appeals | Cases        | Appeals    | Cases<br>and<br>Appeals | Cases        | Appeals    | End<br>of<br>Year |
| <b>TOTAL—FOURTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>5,053</b>            | <b>7,463</b>            | <b>7,146</b> | <b>317</b> | <b>7,591</b>            | <b>7,304</b> | <b>287</b> | <b>4,925</b>      |
| Civil                       | 4,185                   | 4,827                   | 4,667        | 160        | 4,983                   | 4,836        | 147        | 4,029             |
| Criminal                    | 764                     | 1,585                   | 1,428        | 157        | 1,574                   | 1,434        | 140        | 775               |
| Juvenile                    | 104                     | 1,051                   | 1,051        | —          | 1,034                   | 1,034        | —          | 121               |
| <b>ALLEGANY COUNTY</b>      | <b>2,386</b>            | <b>2,052</b>            | <b>1,930</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>2,469</b>            | <b>2,347</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>1,969</b>      |
| Civil                       | 2,121                   | 1,388                   | 1,304        | 84         | 1,739                   | 1,661        | 78         | 1,770             |
| Criminal                    | 230                     | 369                     | 331          | 38         | 444                     | 400          | 44         | 155               |
| Juvenile                    | 35                      | 295                     | 295          | —          | 286                     | 286          | —          | 44                |
| <b>GARRETT COUNTY</b>       | <b>277</b>              | <b>906</b>              | <b>876</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>889</b>              | <b>855</b>   | <b>34</b>  | <b>294</b>        |
| Civil                       | 234                     | 676                     | 655          | 21         | 659                     | 637          | 22         | 251               |
| Criminal                    | 23                      | 84                      | 75           | 9          | 75                      | 63           | 12         | 32                |
| Juvenile                    | 20                      | 146                     | 146          | —          | 155                     | 155          | —          | 11                |
| <b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>    | <b>2,390</b>            | <b>4,505</b>            | <b>4,340</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>4,233</b>            | <b>4,102</b> | <b>131</b> | <b>2,662</b>      |
| Civil                       | 1,830                   | 2,763                   | 2,708        | 55         | 2,585                   | 2,538        | 47         | 2,008             |
| Criminal                    | 511                     | 1,132                   | 1,022        | 110        | 1,055                   | 971          | 84         | 588               |
| Juvenile                    | 49                      | 610                     | 610          | —          | 593                     | 593          | —          | 66                |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-6.1.

**TABLE CC-6.5**  
**CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE FILED, TERMINATED,**  
**AND PENDING IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                            | <b>PENDING</b>                   | <b>FILED</b>                     |               |                | <b>TERMINATED</b>                |               |                | <b>PENDING</b>             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|
|                            | <b>Beginning<br/>of<br/>Year</b> | <b>Cases<br/>and<br/>Appeals</b> | <b>Cases</b>  | <b>Appeals</b> | <b>Cases<br/>and<br/>Appeals</b> | <b>Cases</b>  | <b>Appeals</b> | <b>End<br/>of<br/>Year</b> |
| <b>TOTAL—FIFTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>22,669</b>                    | <b>25,611</b>                    | <b>24,383</b> | <b>1,228</b>   | <b>21,247</b>                    | <b>20,219</b> | <b>1,028</b>   | <b>27,033</b>              |
| Civil                      | 17,534                           | 14,206                           | 13,559        | 647            | 11,199                           | 10,660        | 539            | 20,541                     |
| Criminal                   | 4,381                            | 7,214                            | 6,633         | 581            | 5,985                            | 5,496         | 489            | 5,610                      |
| Juvenile                   | 754                              | 4,191                            | 4,191         | —              | 4,063                            | 4,063         | —              | 882                        |
| <b>ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY</b> | <b>16,344</b>                    | <b>15,717</b>                    | <b>15,053</b> | <b>664</b>     | <b>11,772</b>                    | <b>11,283</b> | <b>489</b>     | <b>20,289</b>              |
| Civil                      | 13,215                           | 9,012                            | 8,558         | 454            | 6,038                            | 5,720         | 318            | 16,189                     |
| Criminal                   | 2,628                            | 3,669                            | 3,459         | 210            | 2,798                            | 2,627         | 171            | 3,499                      |
| Juvenile                   | 501                              | 3,036                            | 3,036         | —              | 2,936                            | 2,936         | —              | 601                        |
| <b>CARROLL COUNTY</b>      | <b>2,439</b>                     | <b>4,049</b>                     | <b>3,835</b>  | <b>214</b>     | <b>3,811</b>                     | <b>3,638</b>  | <b>173</b>     | <b>2,677</b>               |
| Civil                      | 1,462                            | 2,013                            | 1,953         | 60             | 1,919                            | 1,868         | 51             | 1,556                      |
| Criminal                   | 860                              | 1,426                            | 1,272         | 154            | 1,231                            | 1,109         | 122            | 1,055                      |
| Juvenile                   | 117                              | 610                              | 610           | —              | 661                              | 661           | —              | 66                         |
| <b>HOWARD COUNTY</b>       | <b>3,886</b>                     | <b>5,845</b>                     | <b>5,495</b>  | <b>350</b>     | <b>5,664</b>                     | <b>5,298</b>  | <b>366</b>     | <b>4,067</b>               |
| Civil                      | 2,857                            | 3,181                            | 3,048         | 133            | 3,242                            | 3,072         | 170            | 2,796                      |
| Criminal                   | 893                              | 2,119                            | 1,902         | 217            | 1,956                            | 1,760         | 196            | 1,056                      |
| Juvenile                   | 136                              | 545                              | 545           | —              | 466                              | 466           | —              | 215                        |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-6.1.

TABLE CC-6.6

CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE FILED, TERMINATED,  
AND PENDING IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLANDJULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|                            | PENDING           | FILED             |               |              | TERMINATED        |               |            | PENDING       |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                            | Beginning of Year | Cases and Appeals | Cases         | Appeals      | Cases and Appeals | Cases         | Appeals    | End of Year   |
| <b>TOTAL—SIXTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>27,450</b>     | <b>27,972</b>     | <b>26,921</b> | <b>1,051</b> | <b>23,534</b>     | <b>22,536</b> | <b>998</b> | <b>31,888</b> |
| Civil                      | 18,032            | 16,976            | 16,670        | 306          | 13,706            | 13,380        | 326        | 21,302        |
| Criminal                   | 7,816             | 8,020             | 7,275         | 745          | 7,277             | 6,605         | 672        | 8,559         |
| Juvenile                   | 1,602             | 2,976             | 2,976         | —            | 2,551             | 2,551         | —          | 2,027         |
| <b>FREDERICK COUNTY</b>    | <b>1,890</b>      | <b>3,805</b>      | <b>3,637</b>  | <b>168</b>   | <b>3,284</b>      | <b>3,145</b>  | <b>139</b> | <b>2,411</b>  |
| Civil                      | 1,343             | 2,573             | 2,488         | 85           | 2,173             | 2,102         | 71         | 1,743         |
| Criminal                   | 481               | 900               | 817           | 83           | 788               | 720           | 68         | 593           |
| Juvenile                   | 66                | 332               | 332           | —            | 323               | 323           | —          | 75            |
| <b>MONTGOMERY COUNTY</b>   | <b>25,560</b>     | <b>24,167</b>     | <b>23,284</b> | <b>883</b>   | <b>20,250</b>     | <b>19,391</b> | <b>859</b> | <b>29,477</b> |
| Civil                      | 16,689            | 14,403            | 14,182        | 221          | 11,533            | 11,278        | 255        | 19,559        |
| Criminal                   | 7,335             | 7,120             | 6,458         | 662          | 6,489             | 5,885         | 604        | 7,966         |
| Juvenile*                  | 1,536             | 2,644             | 2,644         | —            | 2,228             | 2,228         | —          | 1,952         |

\*Juvenile causes processed at the District Court level.

NOTE: See note on Table CC-6.1.

TABLE CC-6.7

CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE FILED, TERMINATED,  
AND PENDING IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLANDJULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|                               | PENDING           | FILED             |               |            | TERMINATED        |               |            | PENDING       |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                               | Beginning of Year | Cases and Appeals | Cases         | Appeals    | Cases and Appeals | Cases         | Appeals    | End of Year   |
| <b>TOTAL—SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>29,210</b>     | <b>45,077</b>     | <b>44,439</b> | <b>638</b> | <b>40,742</b>     | <b>40,018</b> | <b>724</b> | <b>33,545</b> |
| Civil                         | 22,815            | 27,374            | 27,076        | 298        | 24,023            | 23,671        | 352        | 26,166        |
| Criminal                      | 5,020             | 9,806             | 9,466         | 340        | 9,301             | 8,929         | 372        | 5,525         |
| Juvenile                      | 1,375             | 7,897             | 7,897         | —          | 7,418             | 7,418         | —          | 1,854         |
| <b>CALVERT COUNTY</b>         | <b>871</b>        | <b>1,695</b>      | <b>1,633</b>  | <b>62</b>  | <b>1,600</b>      | <b>1,525</b>  | <b>75</b>  | <b>966</b>    |
| Civil                         | 662               | 959               | 922           | 37         | 916               | 864           | 52         | 705           |
| Criminal                      | 88                | 422               | 397           | 25         | 368               | 345           | 23         | 142           |
| Juvenile                      | 121               | 314               | 314           | —          | 316               | 316           | —          | 119           |
| <b>CHARLES COUNTY</b>         | <b>1,932</b>      | <b>4,733</b>      | <b>4,635</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>4,257</b>      | <b>4,167</b>  | <b>90</b>  | <b>2,408</b>  |
| Civil                         | 1,192             | 3,063             | 3,005         | 58         | 2,660             | 2,615         | 45         | 1,595         |
| Criminal                      | 614               | 954               | 914           | 40         | 885               | 840           | 45         | 683           |
| Juvenile                      | 126               | 716               | 716           | —          | 712               | 712           | —          | 130           |
| <b>PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY</b> | <b>25,112</b>     | <b>35,314</b>     | <b>34,887</b> | <b>427</b> | <b>31,943</b>     | <b>31,481</b> | <b>462</b> | <b>28,483</b> |
| Civil                         | 20,144            | 21,451            | 21,277        | 174        | 18,758            | 18,580        | 178        | 22,837        |
| Criminal                      | 3,890             | 7,314             | 7,061         | 253        | 7,029             | 6,745         | 284        | 4,175         |
| Juvenile                      | 1,078             | 6,549             | 6,549         | —          | 6,156             | 6,156         | —          | 1,471         |
| <b>ST. MARY'S COUNTY</b>      | <b>1,295</b>      | <b>3,335</b>      | <b>3,284</b>  | <b>51</b>  | <b>2,942</b>      | <b>2,845</b>  | <b>97</b>  | <b>1,688</b>  |
| Civil                         | 817               | 1,901             | 1,872         | 29         | 1,689             | 1,612         | 77         | 1,029         |
| Criminal                      | 428               | 1,116             | 1,094         | 22         | 1,019             | 999           | 20         | 525           |
| Juvenile                      | 50                | 318               | 318           | —          | 234               | 234           | —          | 134           |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-6.1.

TABLE CC-6.8

CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE FILED, TERMINATED,  
AND PENDING IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLANDJULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|                             | PENDING           | FILED             |               |              | TERMINATED        |               |            | PENDING        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
|                             | Beginning of Year | Cases and Appeals | Cases         | Appeals      | Cases and Appeals | Cases         | Appeals    | End of Year    |
| <b>TOTAL—EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b> |                   |                   |               |              |                   |               |            |                |
| <b>BALTIMORE CITY</b>       | <b>107,651</b>    | <b>53,058</b>     | <b>51,858</b> | <b>1,200</b> | <b>47,716</b>     | <b>46,740</b> | <b>976</b> | <b>112,993</b> |
| Total—Civil Courts          | 84,067            | 23,494            | 22,957        | 537          | 20,154            | 19,703        | 451        | 87,407         |
| Total—Criminal Court        | 10,072            | 15,759            | 15,096        | 663          | 14,653            | 14,128        | 525        | 11,178         |
| Total—Juvenile Court        | 13,512            | 13,805            | 13,805        | —            | 12,909            | 12,909        | —          | 14,408         |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-6.1.

TABLE CC-6.9

CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE FILED, TERMINATED,  
AND PENDING IN THE STATE OF MARYLANDJULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|                    | PENDING           | FILED             |                |              | TERMINATED        |                |              | PENDING        |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                    | Beginning of Year | Cases and Appeals | Cases          | Appeals      | Cases and Appeals | Cases          | Appeals      | End of Year    |
| <b>TOTAL—STATE</b> | <b>228,079</b>    | <b>206,018</b>    | <b>198,968</b> | <b>7,050</b> | <b>183,403</b>    | <b>177,142</b> | <b>6,261</b> | <b>250,694</b> |
| Civil              | 170,923           | 112,645           | 109,560        | 3,085        | 97,772            | 95,004         | 2,768        | 185,796        |
| Criminal           | 38,790            | 57,923            | 53,958         | 3,965        | 52,039            | 48,546         | 3,493        | 44,674         |
| Juvenile*          | 18,366            | 35,450            | 35,450         | —            | 33,592            | 33,592         | —            | 20,224         |

\*Includes juvenile causes processed by the District Court for Montgomery County.

NOTE: See notes on Table CC-6.1 and Table CC-20.

**TABLE CC-7**  
**PERCENTAGES OF ORIGINAL CASES FILED AND REOPENED CASES FILED**  
**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                        | CIVIL          |             | CRIMINAL      |             | JUVENILE      |             | TOTAL          |              |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
|                        | Number         | Percent     | Number        | Percent     | Number        | Percent     | Number         | Percent      |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>4,719</b>   | <b>59.5</b> | <b>2,635</b>  | <b>33.2</b> | <b>576</b>    | <b>7.3</b>  | <b>7,930</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |
| Dorchester             | 1,190          | 68.9        | 440           | 25.5        | 96            | 5.6         | 1,726          | 100.0        |
| Somerset               | 783            | 70.7        | 238           | 21.5        | 87            | 7.8         | 1,108          | 100.0        |
| Wicomico               | 1,650          | 55.1        | 1,161         | 38.8        | 183           | 6.1         | 2,994          | 100.0        |
| Worcester              | 1,096          | 52.1        | 796           | 37.9        | 210           | 10.0        | 2,102          | 100.0        |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>4,373</b>   | <b>63.0</b> | <b>1,858</b>  | <b>26.8</b> | <b>708</b>    | <b>10.2</b> | <b>6,939</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |
| Caroline               | 832            | 70.5        | 260           | 22.0        | 88            | 7.5         | 1,180          | 100.0        |
| Cecil                  | 1,875          | 64.7        | 720           | 24.9        | 302           | 10.4        | 2,897          | 100.0        |
| Kent                   | 376            | 58.5        | 220           | 34.2        | 47            | 7.3         | 643            | 100.0        |
| Queen Anne's           | 619            | 59.2        | 312           | 29.9        | 114           | 10.9        | 1,045          | 100.0        |
| Talbot                 | 671            | 57.1        | 346           | 29.5        | 157           | 13.4        | 1,174          | 100.0        |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>16,676</b>  | <b>52.2</b> | <b>11,046</b> | <b>34.5</b> | <b>4,246</b>  | <b>13.3</b> | <b>31,968</b>  | <b>100.0</b> |
| Baltimore              | 13,365         | 52.4        | 8,719         | 34.2        | 3,425         | 13.4        | 25,509         | 100.0        |
| Harford                | 3,311          | 51.3        | 2,327         | 36.0        | 821           | 12.7        | 6,459          | 100.0        |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>4,827</b>   | <b>64.7</b> | <b>1,585</b>  | <b>21.2</b> | <b>1,051</b>  | <b>14.1</b> | <b>7,463</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |
| Allegany               | 1,388          | 67.6        | 369           | 18.0        | 295           | 14.4        | 2,052          | 100.0        |
| Garrett                | 676            | 74.6        | 84            | 9.3         | 146           | 16.1        | 906            | 100.0        |
| Washington             | 2,763          | 61.3        | 1,132         | 25.1        | 610           | 13.6        | 4,505          | 100.0        |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>14,206</b>  | <b>55.5</b> | <b>7,214</b>  | <b>28.2</b> | <b>4,191</b>  | <b>16.3</b> | <b>25,611</b>  | <b>100.0</b> |
| Anne Arundel           | 9,012          | 57.4        | 3,669         | 23.3        | 3,036         | 19.3        | 15,717         | 100.0        |
| Carroll                | 2,013          | 49.7        | 1,426         | 35.2        | 610           | 15.1        | 4,049          | 100.0        |
| Howard                 | 3,181          | 54.4        | 2,119         | 36.3        | 545           | 9.3         | 5,845          | 100.0        |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>16,976</b>  | <b>60.7</b> | <b>8,020</b>  | <b>28.7</b> | <b>2,976</b>  | <b>10.6</b> | <b>27,972</b>  | <b>100.0</b> |
| Frederick              | 2,573          | 67.6        | 900           | 23.7        | 332           | 8.7         | 3,805          | 100.0        |
| Montgomery*            | 14,403         | 59.6        | 7,120         | 29.5        | 2,644         | 10.9        | 24,167         | 100.0        |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>27,374</b>  | <b>60.7</b> | <b>9,806</b>  | <b>21.8</b> | <b>7,897</b>  | <b>17.5</b> | <b>45,077</b>  | <b>100.0</b> |
| Calvert                | 959            | 56.6        | 422           | 24.9        | 314           | 18.5        | 1,695          | 100.0        |
| Charles                | 3,063          | 64.7        | 954           | 20.2        | 716           | 15.1        | 4,733          | 100.0        |
| Prince George's        | 21,451         | 60.7        | 7,314         | 20.7        | 6,549         | 18.6        | 35,314         | 100.0        |
| St. Mary's             | 1,901          | 57.0        | 1,116         | 33.5        | 318           | 9.5         | 3,335          | 100.0        |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>23,494</b>  | <b>44.3</b> | <b>15,759</b> | <b>29.7</b> | <b>13,805</b> | <b>26.0</b> | <b>53,058</b>  | <b>100.0</b> |
| Baltimore City         | 23,494         | 44.3        | 15,759        | 29.7        | 13,805        | 26.0        | 53,058         | 100.0        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>112,645</b> | <b>54.7</b> | <b>57,923</b> | <b>28.1</b> | <b>35,450</b> | <b>17.2</b> | <b>206,018</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

\*Juvenile causes heard at District Court level.

**TABLE CC-8**  
**CATEGORIES OF FILINGS**  
**ORIGINAL CASES FILED AND REOPENED CASES FILED**  
**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                                     | Dorchester   | Somerset   | Wicomico     | Worcester    | Caroline   | Cecil        | Kent       | Queen Anne's | Talbot     | Baltimore     | Harford      | Allegany     | Garrett    | Washington   | Anne Arundel | Carroll      | Howard       | Frederick    | Montgomery    | Calvert    | Charles      | Prince George's | St. Mary's   | Baltimore City | TOTAL          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>CIVIL—TOTALS</b>                 | <b>1,190</b> | <b>783</b> | <b>1,650</b> | <b>1,096</b> | <b>832</b> | <b>1,875</b> | <b>376</b> | <b>619</b>   | <b>671</b> | <b>13,365</b> | <b>3,311</b> | <b>1,388</b> | <b>676</b> | <b>2,763</b> | <b>9,012</b> | <b>2,013</b> | <b>3,181</b> | <b>2,573</b> | <b>14,403</b> | <b>959</b> | <b>3,063</b> | <b>21,451</b>   | <b>1,901</b> | <b>23,494</b>  | <b>112,645</b> |
| <b>TORT:</b>                        |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |                |
| Motor Tort                          | 22           | 11         | 57           | 37           | 10         | 71           | 8          | 30           | 28         | 1,514         | 235          | 39           | 14         | 83           | 784          | 112          | 233          | 91           | 976           | 49         | 132          | 1,803           | 73           | 3,815          | 10,227         |
| Other Tort                          | 4            | 7          | 22           | 13           | 24         | 8            | 8          | 6            | 3          | 1,188         | 47           | 14           | 12         | 36           | 127          | 8            | 73           | 54           | 690           | 4          | 36           | 594             | 4            | 961            | 3,943          |
| <b>CONTRACT</b>                     | 15           | 6          | 93           | 83           | 1          | 17           | 24         | 17           | 45         | 1,530         | 103          | 40           | 22         | 85           | 721          | 55           | 412          | 162          | 1,789         | 42         | 103          | 1,325           | 26           | 1,138          | 7,854          |
| <b>CONDEMNATION</b>                 | 1            | 0          | 2            | 0            | 1          | 0            | 0          | 5            | 1          | 36            | 13           | 2            | 2          | 3            | 31           | 0            | 5            | 8            | 7             | 2          | 4            | 17              | 5            | 41             | 186            |
| <b>CONTESTED CONFESSED</b>          |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |                |
| JUDGMENT                            | 0            | 6          | 3            | 2            | 0          | 0            | 1          | 0            | 10         | 2             | 2            | 1            | 0          | 0            | 2            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 5             | 1          | 3            | 1               | 5            | 131            | 178            |
| <b>OTHER LAW</b>                    | 2            | 11         | 33           | 42           | 0          | 113          | 2          | 0            | 41         | 398           | 177          | 115          | 5          | 1            | 349          | 0            | 0            | 122          | 448           | 25         | 0            | 23              | 4            | 2,763          | 4,674          |
| <b>APPEALS:</b>                     |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |                |
| District Court—On Record            | 1            | 1          | 6            | 13           | 2          | 6            | 0          | 1            | 2          | 89            | 14           | 6            | 3          | 2            | 17           | 1            | 20           | 11           | 44            | 2          | 6            | 11              | 1            | 0              | 259            |
| District Court—De Novo              | 2            | 0          | 5            | 4            | 7          | 7            | 1          | 3            | 3          | 113           | 21           | 4            | 3          | 0            | 35           | 2            | 17           | 18           | 106           | 9          | 9            | 27              | 1            | 156            | 553            |
| Administrative Agencies             | 22           | 16         | 25           | 36           | 16         | 32           | 15         | 7            | 17         | 508           | 142          | 74           | 15         | 53           | 402          | 57           | 96           | 56           | 71            | 26         | 43           | 136             | 27           | 381            | 2,273          |
| <b>UNREPORTED LAW</b>               | 2            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 5             | 0            | 0            | 0          | 1            | 5            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2             | 0          | 1            | 2               | 0            | 19             | 37             |
| <b>DIVORCE/NULLITY</b>              | 273          | 121        | 545          | 216          | 166        | 509          | 123        | 146          | 197        | 3,235         | 876          | 421          | 183        | 825          | 2,580        | 623          | 956          | 809          | 3,688         | 269        | 775          | 5,495           | 573          | 3,928          | 27,532         |
| <b>OTHER DOMESTIC RELATIONS</b>     | 104          | 156        | 206          | 134          | 162        | 465          | 80         | 143          | 97         | 1,963         | 607          | 122          | 264        | 587          | 594          | 393          | 375          | 530          | 433           | 132        | 599          | 4,503           | 324          | 697            | 13,670         |
| <b>ADOPTION/GUARDIANSHIP</b>        | 42           | 3          | 62           | 21           | 30         | 53           | 21         | 14           | 40         | 277           | 131          | 26           | 15         | 116          | 254          | 73           | 140          | 113          | 713           | 37         | 62           | 302             | 23           | 601            | 3,168          |
| <b>PATERNITY</b>                    | 577          | 369        | 374          | 160          | 259        | 292          | 54         | 120          | 115        | 817           | 422          | 219          | 78         | 482          | 1,283        | 95           | 172          | 321          | 689           | 134        | 985          | 3,702           | 510          | 5,382          | 17,611         |
| <b>OTHER GENERAL</b>                | 117          | 72         | 217          | 331          | 150        | 297          | 38         | 127          | 71         | 1,653         | 502          | 298          | 57         | 485          | 1,777        | 589          | 664          | 272          | 3,308         | 221        | 299          | 3,462           | 273          | 3,475          | 18,755         |
| <b>UNREPORTED CATEGORY</b>          | 6            | 4          | 0            | 4            | 4          | 5            | 1          | 0            | 1          | 37            | 19           | 7            | 3          | 4            | 51           | 4            | 17           | 5            | 1,434         | 6          | 6            | 48              | 52           | 6              | 1,724          |
| <b>JUVENILE—TOTALS</b>              | <b>96</b>    | <b>87</b>  | <b>183</b>   | <b>210</b>   | <b>88</b>  | <b>302</b>   | <b>47</b>  | <b>114</b>   | <b>157</b> | <b>3,425</b>  | <b>821</b>   | <b>295</b>   | <b>146</b> | <b>610</b>   | <b>3,036</b> | <b>610</b>   | <b>545</b>   | <b>332</b>   | <b>2,644</b>  | <b>314</b> | <b>716</b>   | <b>6,549</b>    | <b>318</b>   | <b>13,805</b>  | <b>35,450</b>  |
| <b>DELINQUENCY</b>                  | 57           | 68         | 128          | 175          | 59         | 218          | 38         | 83           | 101        | 2,710         | 530          | 173          | 71         | 449          | 2,322        | 451          | 476          | 250          | 1,699         | 253        | 598          | 4,596           | 262          | 11,059         | 26,826         |
| <b>ADULT</b>                        | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 1          | 2            | 0          | 2             | 0            | 1            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 17           | 0            | 0            | 1             | 0          | 0            | 4               | 14           | 16             | 58             |
| <b>CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION</b> | 0            | 0          | 0            | 1            | 7          | 6            | 1          | 6            | 8          | 20            | 9            | 38           | 14         | 12           | 10           | 33           | 6            | 3            | 2             | 8          | 1            | 4               | 0            | 182            | 371            |
| <b>CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE</b>  | 39           | 19         | 54           | 34           | 22         | 78           | 7          | 23           | 45         | 692           | 282          | 83           | 60         | 149          | 703          | 108          | 63           | 79           | 941           | 53         | 116          | 1,938           | 40           | 2,546          | 8,174          |
| <b>UNREPORTED CATEGORY</b>          | 0            | 0          | 1            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 3          | 1             | 0            | 0            | 1          | 0            | 1            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 1             | 0          | 1            | 7               | 2            | 2              | 21             |
| <b>CRIMINAL—TOTALS</b>              | <b>440</b>   | <b>238</b> | <b>1,161</b> | <b>796</b>   | <b>260</b> | <b>720</b>   | <b>220</b> | <b>312</b>   | <b>346</b> | <b>8,719</b>  | <b>2,327</b> | <b>369</b>   | <b>84</b>  | <b>1,132</b> | <b>3,669</b> | <b>1,426</b> | <b>2,119</b> | <b>900</b>   | <b>7,120</b>  | <b>422</b> | <b>954</b>   | <b>7,314</b>    | <b>1,116</b> | <b>15,759</b>  | <b>57,923</b>  |
| <b>INDICTMENT INFORMATION</b>       | 168          | 73         | 445          | 203          | 102        | 229          | 91         | 119          | 150        | 2,542         | 624          | 169          | 46         | 481          | 2,045        | 400          | 854          | 488          | 2,259         | 288        | 752          | 3,913           | 278          | 6,157          | 22,876         |
| <b>APPEALS FROM</b>                 |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |                |
| <b>DISTRICT COURT:</b>              |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |                |
| Motor Vehicle                       | 24           | 5          | 12           | 55           | 11         | 72           | 8          | 12           | 20         | 684           | 95           | 21           | 6          | 44           | 111          | 110          | 161          | 66           | 433           | 12         | 10           | 128             | 9            | 357            | 2,466          |
| Other                               | 16           | 7          | 39           | 21           | 13         | 35           | 6          | 12           | 14         | 287           | 31           | 17           | 3          | 66           | 99           | 44           | 56           | 17           | 229           | 13         | 30           | 125             | 13           | 306            | 1,499          |
| <b>JURY TRIAL PRAYED—MOTOR</b>      | 101          | 74         | 229          | 273          | 47         | 181          | 25         | 99           | 57         | 1,616         | 939          | 62           | 9          | 204          | 565          | 361          | 468          | 208          | 2,154         | 51         | 61           | 1,501           | 485          | 0              | 9,770          |
| <b>JURY TRIAL PRAYED—OTHER</b>      | 129          | 79         | 430          | 240          | 72         | 189          | 82         | 64           | 105        | 3,067         | 594          | 93           | 9          | 311          | 778          | 499          | 570          | 118          | 1,801         | 48         | 83           | 1,610           | 329          | 8,822          | 20,122         |
| <b>NONSUPPORT</b>                   | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 347           | 1            | 5            | 0          | 0            | 50           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1             | 0          | 0            | 0               | 0            | 0              | 404            |
| <b>POST CONVICTION</b>              | 0            | 0          | 0            | 1            | 8          | 8            | 1          | 0            | 0          | 0             | 13           | 0            | 8          | 15           | 21           | 0            | 9            | 0            | 5             | 5          | 7            | 9               | 0            | 117            | 227            |
| <b>UNREPORTED CATEGORY</b>          | 2            | 0          | 6            | 3            | 7          | 6            | 7          | 6            | 0          | 176           | 30           | 2            | 3          | 11           | 0            | 12           | 1            | 3            | 238           | 5          | 11           | 28              | 2            | 0              | 559            |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-20.

**TABLE CC-9**  
**CATEGORIES OF TERMINATIONS**  
**TERMINATIONS OF ORIGINAL CASES FILED AND REOPENED CASES FILED**  
**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                               | Dorchester   | Somerset   | Wicomico     | Worcester    | Caroline   | Cecil        | Kent       | Queen Anne's | Talbot     | Baltimore     | Harford      | Allegany     | Garrett    | Washington   | Anne Arundel | Carroll      | Howard       | Frederick    | Montgomery    | Calvert    | Charles      | Prince George's | St. Mary's   | Baltimore City | TOTAL         |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>CIVIL—TOTALS</b>           | <b>1,036</b> | <b>742</b> | <b>1,524</b> | <b>1,090</b> | <b>807</b> | <b>1,589</b> | <b>370</b> | <b>579</b>   | <b>619</b> | <b>11,899</b> | <b>3,452</b> | <b>1,739</b> | <b>659</b> | <b>2,585</b> | <b>6,038</b> | <b>1,919</b> | <b>3,242</b> | <b>2,173</b> | <b>11,533</b> | <b>916</b> | <b>2,660</b> | <b>18,758</b>   | <b>1,689</b> | <b>20,154</b>  | <b>97,772</b> |
| <b>TORT:</b>                  |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |               |
| Motor Tort                    | 19           | 6          | 48           | 37           | 16         | 33           | 5          | 22           | 24         | 1,341         | 319          | 74           | 10         | 87           | 634          | 92           | 214          | 92           | 858           | 22         | 103          | 1,655           | 51           | 3,271          | 9,033         |
| Other Tort                    | 7            | 4          | 22           | 22           | 19         | 3            | 4          | 6            | 12         | 552           | 64           | 15           | 11         | 44           | 94           | 32           | 92           | 44           | 404           | 8          | 23           | 560             | 13           | 734            | 2,789         |
| CONTRACT                      | 22           | 11         | 75           | 86           | 6          | 6            | 27         | 18           | 27         | 1,183         | 247          | 52           | 23         | 72           | 516          | 76           | 413          | 116          | 1,874         | 35         | 73           | 1,158           | 35           | 825            | 6,976         |
| CONDEMNATION                  | 5            | 0          | 4            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 1          | 3            | 1          | 64            | 24           | 4            | 1          | 3            | 11           | 0            | 8            | 5            | 5             | 7          | 3            | 11              | 0            | 63             | 223           |
| CONTESTED CONFESSED           |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |               |
| JUDGMENT                      | 0            | 5          | 3            | 1            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 8          | 1             | 10           | 1            | 1          | 0            | 4            | 1            | 5            | 1            | 0             | 1          | 3            | 4               | 4            | 72             | 125           |
| OTHER LAW                     | 3            | 11         | 19           | 42           | 1          | 56           | 3          | 0            | 54         | 327           | 274          | 56           | 5          | 5            | 306          | 1            | 13           | 95           | 134           | 23         | 0            | 8               | 5            | 2,233          | 3,674         |
| <b>APPEALS:</b>               |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |               |
| District Court—On Record      | 3            | 1          | 7            | 9            | 1          | 6            | 0          | 1            | 1          | 92            | 20           | 3            | 2          | 7            | 14           | 0            | 44           | 12           | 32            | 5          | 5            | 1               | 3            | 0              | 269           |
| District Court—De Novo        | 2            | 0          | 1            | 3            | 2          | 2            | 0          | 2            | 4          | 93            | 30           | 1            | 3          | 2            | 60           | 0            | 27           | 15           | 35            | 15         | 6            | 6               | 2            | 97             | 408           |
| Administrative Agencies       | 19           | 8          | 33           | 22           | 7          | 25           | 18         | 6            | 18         | 400           | 117          | 74           | 17         | 38           | 244          | 51           | 99           | 44           | 188           | 32         | 34           | 171             | 72           | 354            | 2,091         |
| UNREPORTED LAW                | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0             | 4            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0          | 0            | 0               | 0            | 2              | 6             |
| DIVORCE/NULLITY               | 293          | 110        | 543          | 228          | 152        | 448          | 121        | 143          | 161        | 3,611         | 862          | 418          | 194        | 775          | 1,784        | 642          | 986          | 708          | 3,246         | 240        | 742          | 4,922           | 509          | 4,034          | 25,872        |
| OTHER DOMESTIC RELATIONS      | 80           | 149        | 131          | 122          | 138        | 411          | 79         | 130          | 94         | 1,597         | 554          | 99           | 243        | 579          | 312          | 373          | 371          | 460          | 605           | 149        | 504          | 4,123           | 299          | 312            | 11,914        |
| ADOPTION/GUARDIANSHIP         | 29           | 1          | 54           | 22           | 24         | 46           | 16         | 14           | 33         | 279           | 114          | 22           | 19         | 34           | 224          | 65           | 149          | 96           | 513           | 36         | 54           | 299             | 24           | 511            | 2,728         |
| PATERNITY                     | 449          | 373        | 396          | 164          | 261        | 286          | 66         | 118          | 131        | 750           | 381          | 570          | 63         | 442          | 758          | 71           | 189          | 224          | 477           | 118        | 825          | 3,184           | 415          | 4,387          | 15,098        |
| OTHER GENERAL                 | 105          | 62         | 188          | 328          | 179        | 265          | 30         | 116          | 51         | 1,598         | 421          | 349          | 67         | 445          | 1,068        | 515          | 629          | 259          | 2,155         | 223        | 284          | 2,640           | 254          | 3,259          | 15,490        |
| UNREPORTED CATEGORY           | 0            | 1          | 0            | 4            | 1          | 2            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 11            | 11           | 1            | 0          | 2            | 9            | 0            | 3            | 2            | 1,007         | 2          | 1            | 16              | 3            | 0              | 1,076         |
| <b>JUVENILE—TOTALS</b>        | <b>98</b>    | <b>84</b>  | <b>187</b>   | <b>203</b>   | <b>101</b> | <b>270</b>   | <b>42</b>  | <b>117</b>   | <b>154</b> | <b>3,372</b>  | <b>989</b>   | <b>286</b>   | <b>155</b> | <b>593</b>   | <b>2,936</b> | <b>661</b>   | <b>466</b>   | <b>323</b>   | <b>2,228</b>  | <b>316</b> | <b>712</b>   | <b>6,156</b>    | <b>234</b>   | <b>12,909</b>  | <b>33,592</b> |
| <b>DELINQUENCY</b>            | <b>60</b>    | <b>63</b>  | <b>125</b>   | <b>172</b>   | <b>71</b>  | <b>187</b>   | <b>31</b>  | <b>82</b>    | <b>101</b> | <b>2,685</b>  | <b>636</b>   | <b>169</b>   | <b>76</b>  | <b>427</b>   | <b>2,219</b> | <b>481</b>   | <b>410</b>   | <b>246</b>   | <b>1,483</b>  | <b>247</b> | <b>597</b>   | <b>4,240</b>    | <b>199</b>   | <b>10,153</b>  | <b>25,160</b> |
| <b>ADULT</b>                  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>     | <b>1</b>   | <b>4</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>2</b>      | <b>1</b>     | <b>1</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>1</b>     | <b>18</b>    | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>1</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>4</b>        | <b>9</b>     | <b>11</b>      | <b>54</b>     |
| CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION  | 0            | 0          | 1            | 1            | 7          | 5            | 1          | 8            | 8          | 20            | 26           | 41           | 16         | 14           | 10           | 34           | 3            | 6            | 1             | 4          | 1            | 4               | 0            | 83             | 294           |
| CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE   | 38           | 21         | 60           | 30           | 23         | 77           | 9          | 23           | 45         | 665           | 325          | 75           | 62         | 152          | 706          | 127          | 53           | 71           | 741           | 65         | 114          | 1,905           | 26           | 2,660          | 8,073         |
| UNREPORTED CATEGORY           | 0            | 0          | 1            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0             | 1            | 0            | 1          | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 2             | 0          | 0            | 3               | 0            | 2              | 11            |
| <b>CRIMINAL—TOTALS</b>        | <b>399</b>   | <b>182</b> | <b>1,119</b> | <b>754</b>   | <b>280</b> | <b>617</b>   | <b>158</b> | <b>304</b>   | <b>236</b> | <b>7,301</b>  | <b>1,899</b> | <b>444</b>   | <b>75</b>  | <b>1,055</b> | <b>2,798</b> | <b>1,231</b> | <b>1,956</b> | <b>788</b>   | <b>6,489</b>  | <b>368</b> | <b>885</b>   | <b>7,029</b>    | <b>1,019</b> | <b>14,653</b>  | <b>52,039</b> |
| <b>INDICTMENT INFORMATION</b> | <b>142</b>   | <b>62</b>  | <b>442</b>   | <b>176</b>   | <b>157</b> | <b>201</b>   | <b>70</b>  | <b>109</b>   | <b>107</b> | <b>2,086</b>  | <b>557</b>   | <b>201</b>   | <b>41</b>  | <b>477</b>   | <b>1,626</b> | <b>326</b>   | <b>835</b>   | <b>431</b>   | <b>2,162</b>  | <b>258</b> | <b>696</b>   | <b>3,436</b>    | <b>253</b>   | <b>5,177</b>   | <b>20,028</b> |
| <b>APPEALS FROM</b>           |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |               |
| DISTRICT COURT:               |              |            |              |              |            |              |            |              |            |               |              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |               |            |              |                 |              |                |               |
| Motor Vehicle                 | 25           | 5          | 18           | 50           | 11         | 63           | 9          | 13           | 16         | 586           | 82           | 23           | 7          | 29           | 109          | 83           | 140          | 52           | 416           | 11         | 9            | 149             | 7            | 136            | 2,048         |
| Other                         | 10           | 5          | 37           | 22           | 7          | 35           | 7          | 17           | 13         | 236           | 28           | 21           | 5          | 55           | 62           | 39           | 56           | 16           | 188           | 12         | 36           | 136             | 13           | 389            | 1,445         |
| JURY TRIAL PRAYED—MOTOR       | 109          | 48         | 210          | 257          | 36         | 151          | 17         | 98           | 23         | 1,377         | 731          | 75           | 9          | 176          | 317          | 346          | 402          | 196          | 2,183         | 37         | 55           | 1,506           | 442          | 21             | 8,822         |
| JURY TRIAL PRAYED—OTHER       | 113          | 62         | 412          | 248          | 67         | 163          | 54         | 66           | 77         | 2,521         | 491          | 116          | 5          | 289          | 633          | 435          | 514          | 93           | 1,535         | 45         | 79           | 1,783           | 302          | 8,823          | 18,926        |
| NONSUPPORT                    | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 491           | 3            | 8            | 0          | 0            | 44           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1             | 0          | 1            | 0               | 0            | 0              | 548           |
| POST CONVICTION               | 0            | 0          | 0            | 1            | 2          | 4            | 1          | 0            | 0          | 0             | 7            | 0            | 8          | 27           | 7            | 2            | 9            | 0            | 3             | 5          | 9            | 20              | 0            | 107            | 212           |
| UNREPORTED CATEGORY           | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1            | 0          | 4             | 0            | 0            | 0          | 2            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1             | 0          | 0            | 0               | 2            | 0              | 10            |

TABLE CC-10

COURT TRIALS, JURY TRIALS, AND HEARINGS BY  
COUNTY, CIRCUIT, AND FUNCTIONAL AREAJULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|  | 1ST CIRCUIT          |          |          |           | 2ND CIRCUIT          |       |      |              |        | 3RD CIRCUIT           |         | 4TH CIRCUIT          |         |            | 5TH CIRCUIT           |         |        | 6TH CIRCUIT           |            | 7TH CIRCUIT           |         |                 |            | 8TH CIRCUIT           | TOTAL (STATE) |
|--|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------------|-------|------|--------------|--------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------|
|  | Dorchester           | Somerset | Wicomico | Worcester | Caroline             | Cecil | Kent | Queen Anne's | Talbot | Baltimore             | Harford | Allegany             | Garrett | Washington | Anne Arundel          | Carroll | Howard | Frederick             | Montgomery | Calvert               | Charles | Prince George's | St. Mary's | Baltimore City        |               |
| CASES TRIED BY COUNTY & CIRCUIT        |                      |          |          |           |                      |       |      |              |        |                       |         |                      |         |            |                       |         |        |                       |            |                       |         |                 |            |                       |               |
| Civil                                  |                      |          |          |           |                      |       |      |              |        |                       |         |                      |         |            |                       |         |        |                       |            |                       |         |                 |            |                       |               |
| Court Trials                           | 52                   | 6        | 54       | 29        | 177                  | 399   | 2    | 24           | 14     | 344                   | 278     | 119                  | 74      | 117        | 294                   | 67      | 267    | 190                   | 627        | 110                   | 458     | 2,605           | 81         | 1,164                 | 7,592         |
| Jury Trials                            | 8                    | 2        | 12       | 14        | 5                    | 16    | 2    | 6            | 7      | 147                   | 21      | 17                   | 4       | 46         | 135                   | 17      | 53     | 33                    | 141        | 18                    | 27      | 324             | 10         | 222                   | 1,287         |
| Criminal                               |                      |          |          |           |                      |       |      |              |        |                       |         |                      |         |            |                       |         |        |                       |            |                       |         |                 |            |                       |               |
| Court Trials                           | 80                   | 21       | 112      | 280       | 10                   | 52    | 0    | 10           | 18     | 217                   | 67      | 17                   | 2       | 37         | 367                   | 98      | 69     | 13                    | 189        | 17                    | 6       | 8               | 1          | 765                   | 2,456         |
| Jury Trials                            | 35                   | 21       | 94       | 46        | 30                   | 60    | 3    | 12           | 29     | 96                    | 33      | 30                   | 2       | 95         | 83                    | 21      | 24     | 28                    | 417        | 12                    | 29      | 249             | 13         | 402                   | 1,864         |
| COUNTY TOTALS                          |                      |          |          |           |                      |       |      |              |        |                       |         |                      |         |            |                       |         |        |                       |            |                       |         |                 |            |                       |               |
| Court Trials                           | 132                  | 27       | 206      | 309       | 187                  | 451   | 2    | 34           | 32     | 561                   | 345     | 136                  | 76      | 154        | 661                   | 165     | 336    | 203                   | 816        | 127                   | 464     | 2,613           | 82         | 1,929                 | 10,048        |
| Jury Trials                            | 43                   | 23       | 106      | 60        | 35                   | 76    | 5    | 18           | 36     | 243                   | 54      | 47                   | 6       | 141        | 218                   | 38      | 77     | 61                    | 558        | 30                    | 56      | 573             | 23         | 624                   | 3,151         |
| TOTAL                                  | 175                  | 50       | 312      | 369       | 222                  | 527   | 7    | 52           | 68     | 804                   | 399     | 183                  | 82      | 295        | 879                   | 203     | 413    | 264                   | 1,374      | 157                   | 520     | 3,186           | 105        | 2,553                 | 13,199        |
| CIRCUIT TOTALS                         | 1ST CIRCUIT          |          |          |           | 2ND CIRCUIT          |       |      |              |        | 3RD CIRCUIT           |         | 4TH CIRCUIT          |         |            | 5TH CIRCUIT           |         |        | 6TH CIRCUIT           |            | 7TH CIRCUIT           |         |                 |            | 8TH CIRCUIT           |               |
| Court Trials                           | 674                  |          |          |           | 706                  |       |      |              |        | 906                   |         | 366                  |         |            | 1,162                 |         |        | 1,019                 |            | 3,286                 |         |                 |            | 1,929                 | 10,048        |
| Jury Trials                            | 232                  |          |          |           | 170                  |       |      |              |        | 297                   |         | 194                  |         |            | 333                   |         |        | 619                   |            | 682                   |         |                 |            | 624                   | 3,151         |
| TOTAL                                  | 906                  |          |          |           | 876                  |       |      |              |        | 1,203                 |         | 560                  |         |            | 1,495                 |         |        | 1,638                 |            | 3,968                 |         |                 |            | 2,553                 | 13,199        |
| CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUVENILE HEARINGS |                      |          |          |           |                      |       |      |              |        |                       |         |                      |         |            |                       |         |        |                       |            |                       |         |                 |            |                       |               |
| Civil Hearings                         | 731                  | 491      | 550      | 308       | 284                  | 276   | 89   | 256          | 226    | 4,403                 | 997     | 258                  | 209     | 669        | 6,355                 | 977     | 2,897  | 611                   | 9,579      | 352                   | 1,346   | 16,658          | 826        | 2,022                 | 51,370        |
| Criminal Hearings                      | 384                  | 162      | 1,380    | 763       | 612                  | 1,409 | 394  | 524          | 359    | 8,702                 | 3,214   | 769                  | 120     | 1,330      | 5,363                 | 2,350   | 2,499  | 1,379                 | 29,654     | 705                   | 1,391   | 15,424          | 1,481      | 15,916                | 96,284        |
| Juvenile Hearings                      | 113                  | 77       | 241      | 252       | 196                  | 590   | 43   | 207          | 229    | 4,241                 | 983     | 266                  | 216     | 730        | 4,875                 | 785     | 920    | 614                   | 3,695      | 811                   | 1,320   | 13,071          | 709        | 30,057                | 65,241        |
| COUNTY TOTALS                          | 1,228                | 730      | 2,171    | 1,323     | 1,092                | 2,275 | 526  | 987          | 814    | 17,346                | 5,194   | 1,293                | 545     | 2,729      | 16,593                | 4,112   | 6,316  | 2,604                 | 42,928     | 1,868                 | 4,057   | 45,153          | 3,016      | 47,995                | 212,895       |
| CIRCUIT TOTALS                         | 1ST CIRCUIT<br>5,452 |          |          |           | 2ND CIRCUIT<br>5,694 |       |      |              |        | 3RD CIRCUIT<br>22,540 |         | 4TH CIRCUIT<br>4,567 |         |            | 5TH CIRCUIT<br>27,021 |         |        | 6TH CIRCUIT<br>45,532 |            | 7TH CIRCUIT<br>54,094 |         |                 |            | 8TH CIRCUIT<br>47,995 | 212,895       |

NOTE: Information on criminal court trials and jury trials in Baltimore City obtained from statistical records maintained by the Criminal Assignment Office. Also, some differences may exist in the number of court trials for courts of similar size due to the recording of these events under incorrect headings.

TABLE CC-11

**HEARINGS, HEARING DAYS, COURT TRIALS, COURT DAYS,  
JURY TRIALS, JURY DAYS, TOTAL JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS,  
AND TOTAL COURTROOM DAYS BY COUNTY**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988**

|                        | Hearings       | Hearing<br>Days | Court<br>Trials | Court<br>Days | Jury<br>Trials | Jury<br>Days | Total<br>Judicial<br>Proceedings | Total<br>Courtroom<br>Days |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   |                |                 |                 |               |                |              |                                  |                            |
| Dorchester             | 1,228          | 1,229           | 132             | 139           | 43             | 53           | 1,403                            | 1,421                      |
| Somerset               | 730            | 730             | 27              | 28            | 23             | 29           | 780                              | 787                        |
| Wicomico               | 2,171          | 2,171           | 206             | 211           | 106            | 124          | 2,483                            | 2,506                      |
| Worcester              | 1,323          | 1,324           | 309             | 312           | 60             | 71           | 1,692                            | 1,707                      |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  |                |                 |                 |               |                |              |                                  |                            |
| Caroline               | 1,092          | 1,092           | 187             | 189           | 35             | 38           | 1,314                            | 1,319                      |
| Cecil                  | 2,275          | 2,275           | 451             | 457           | 76             | 114          | 2,802                            | 2,846                      |
| Kent                   | 526            | 526             | 2               | 2             | 5              | 9            | 533                              | 537                        |
| Queen Anne's           | 987            | 988             | 34              | 39            | 18             | 19           | 1,039                            | 1,046                      |
| Talbot                 | 814            | 816             | 32              | 41            | 36             | 69           | 882                              | 926                        |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   |                |                 |                 |               |                |              |                                  |                            |
| Baltimore              | 17,346         | 17,458          | 561             | 656           | 243            | 669          | 18,150                           | 18,783                     |
| Harford                | 5,194          | 5,204           | 345             | 395           | 54             | 162          | 5,593                            | 5,761                      |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                |                 |                 |               |                |              |                                  |                            |
| Allegany               | 1,293          | 1,293           | 136             | 138           | 47             | 58           | 1,476                            | 1,489                      |
| Garrett                | 545            | 550             | 76              | 79            | 6              | 9            | 627                              | 638                        |
| Washington             | 2,729          | 2,736           | 154             | 157           | 141            | 156          | 3,024                            | 3,049                      |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                |                 |                 |               |                |              |                                  |                            |
| Anne Arundel           | 16,593         | 16,861          | 661             | 768           | 218            | 535          | 17,472                           | 18,164                     |
| Carroll                | 4,112          | 4,124           | 165             | 190           | 38             | 69           | 4,315                            | 4,383                      |
| Howard                 | 6,316          | 6,353           | 336             | 391           | 77             | 210          | 6,729                            | 6,954                      |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                |                 |                 |               |                |              |                                  |                            |
| Frederick              | 2,604          | 2,608           | 203             | 226           | 61             | 103          | 2,868                            | 2,937                      |
| Montgomery             | 42,928         | 43,116          | 816             | 1,028         | 558            | 801          | 44,302                           | 44,945                     |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> |                |                 |                 |               |                |              |                                  |                            |
| Calvert                | 1,868          | 1,869           | 127             | 134           | 30             | 38           | 2,025                            | 2,041                      |
| Charles                | 4,057          | 4,062           | 464             | 471           | 56             | 76           | 4,577                            | 4,609                      |
| Prince George's        | 45,153         | 45,218          | 2,613           | 2,685         | 573            | 1,414        | 48,339                           | 49,317                     |
| St. Mary's             | 3,016          | 3,017           | 82              | 86            | 23             | 29           | 3,121                            | 3,132                      |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                |                 |                 |               |                |              |                                  |                            |
| Baltimore City         | 47,995         | 48,061          | 1,929           | 1,966         | 624            | 817          | 50,548                           | 50,844                     |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>212,895</b> | <b>213,681</b>  | <b>10,048</b>   | <b>10,788</b> | <b>3,151</b>   | <b>5,672</b> | <b>226,094</b>                   | <b>230,141</b>             |

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TABLE CC-12

**APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES AND  
PERCENTAGE OF CIRCUIT COURT CASE FILINGS ORIGINATING FROM THE DISTRICT COURT**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988**

|   | 1ST CIRCUIT |           |           |            | 2ND CIRCUIT |            |           |              |           | 3RD CIRCUIT  |            | 4TH CIRCUIT |           |            | 5TH CIRCUIT  |            |            | 6TH CIRCUIT |            | 7TH CIRCUIT |           |                 |            | 8TH CIRCUIT    | TOTAL (STATE) |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
|   | Dorchester  | Somerset  | Wicomico  | Worcester  | Caroline    | Cecil      | Kent      | Queen Anne's | Talbot    | Baltimore    | Harford    | Allegany    | Garrett   | Washington | Anne Arundel | Carroll    | Howard     | Frederick   | Montgomery | Calvert     | Charles   | Prince George's | St. Mary's | Baltimore City |               |
| <b>APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES</b>                      |             |           |           |            |             |            |           |              |           |              |            |             |           |            |              |            |            |             |            |             |           |                 |            |                |               |
| <b>LAW</b>  |             |           |           |            |             |            |           |              |           |              |            |             |           |            |              |            |            |             |            |             |           |                 |            |                |               |
| District Court—De Novo  | 2           | 0         | 5         | 4          | 7           | 7          | 1         | 3            | 3         | 113          | 21         | 4           | 3         | 0          | 35           | 2          | 17         | 18          | 106        | 9           | 9         | 27              | 1          | 156            | 553           |
| —On Record  | 1           | 1         | 6         | 13         | 2           | 6          | 0         | 1            | 2         | 89           | 14         | 6           | 3         | 2          | 17           | 1          | 20         | 11          | 44         | 2           | 6         | 11              | 1          | 0              | 259           |
| Administrative Agencies   | 22          | 16        | 25        | 36         | 16          | 32         | 15        | 7            | 17        | 508          | 142        | 74          | 15        | 53         | 402          | 57         | 96         | 56          | 71         | 26          | 43        | 136             | 27         | 381            | 2,273         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>25</b>   | <b>17</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>53</b>  | <b>25</b>   | <b>45</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>11</b>    | <b>22</b> | <b>710</b>   | <b>177</b> | <b>84</b>   | <b>21</b> | <b>55</b>  | <b>454</b>   | <b>60</b>  | <b>133</b> | <b>85</b>   | <b>221</b> | <b>37</b>   | <b>58</b> | <b>174</b>      | <b>29</b>  | <b>537</b>     | <b>3,085</b>  |
| <b>CRIMINAL</b>   |             |           |           |            |             |            |           |              |           |              |            |             |           |            |              |            |            |             |            |             |           |                 |            |                |               |
| Motor Vehicle   | 24          | 5         | 12        | 55         | 11          | 72         | 8         | 12           | 20        | 684          | 95         | 21          | 6         | 44         | 111          | 110        | 161        | 66          | 433        | 12          | 10        | 128             | 9          | 357            | 2,466         |
| Other   | 16          | 7         | 39        | 21         | 13          | 35         | 6         | 12           | 14        | 287          | 31         | 17          | 3         | 66         | 99           | 44         | 56         | 17          | 229        | 13          | 30        | 125             | 13         | 306            | 1,499         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>40</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>76</b>  | <b>24</b>   | <b>107</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>24</b>    | <b>34</b> | <b>971</b>   | <b>126</b> | <b>38</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>110</b> | <b>210</b>   | <b>154</b> | <b>217</b> | <b>83</b>   | <b>662</b> | <b>25</b>   | <b>40</b> | <b>253</b>      | <b>22</b>  | <b>663</b>     | <b>3,965</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>65</b>   | <b>29</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>49</b>   | <b>152</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>35</b>    | <b>56</b> | <b>1,681</b> | <b>303</b> | <b>122</b>  | <b>30</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>664</b>   | <b>214</b> | <b>350</b> | <b>168</b>  | <b>883</b> | <b>62</b>   | <b>98</b> | <b>427</b>      | <b>51</b>  | <b>1,200</b>   | <b>7,050</b>  |
| <b>PERCENTAGE OF CIRCUIT COURT CASE FILINGS ORIGINATING FROM THE DISTRICT COURT</b> |             |           |           |            |             |            |           |              |           |              |            |             |           |            |              |            |            |             |            |             |           |                 |            |                |               |
| <b>Prayers for Jury Trials and Appeals:</b>   |             |           |           |            |             |            |           |              |           |              |            |             |           |            |              |            |            |             |            |             |           |                 |            |                |               |
| County  | 273         | 166       | 721       | 606        | 152         | 490        | 122       | 191          | 201       | 5,856        | 1,694      | 203         | 33        | 627        | 1,605        | 1,017      | 1,292      | 438         | 4,767      | 135         | 199       | 3,402           | 838        | 9,641          | 34,669        |
| Circuit   |             |           | 1,766     |            |             |            | 1,156     |              |           |              | 7,550      |             | 863       |            |              | 3,914      |            | 5,205       |            |             | 4,574     |                 |            | 9,641          | 34,669        |
| <b>Circuit Court Filings:</b>   |             |           |           |            |             |            |           |              |           |              |            |             |           |            |              |            |            |             |            |             |           |                 |            |                |               |
| County  | 1,726       | 1,108     | 2,994     | 2,102      | 1,180       | 2,897      | 643       | 1,045        | 1,174     | 25,509       | 6,459      | 2,052       | 906       | 4,505      | 15,717       | 4,049      | 5,845      | 3,805       | 24,167     | 1,695       | 4,733     | 35,314          | 3,335      | 53,058         | 206,018       |
| Circuit   |             |           | 7,930     |            |             |            | 6,939     |              |           |              | 31,968     |             | 7,463     |            |              | 25,611     |            | 27,972      |            |             | 45,077    |                 |            | 53,058         | 206,018       |
| <b>Percentage of Circuit Court Filings that are Jury Trials and Appeals:</b>        |             |           |           |            |             |            |           |              |           |              |            |             |           |            |              |            |            |             |            |             |           |                 |            |                |               |
| County  | 15.8        | 15.0      | 24.1      | 28.8       | 12.9        | 16.9       | 19.0      | 18.3         | 17.1      | 23.0         | 26.2       | 10.0        | 3.6       | 13.9       | 10.2         | 25.1       | 22.1       | 11.5        | 19.7       | 8.0         | 4.2       | 9.6             | 25.1       | 18.2           | 16.8          |
| Circuit   |             |           | 22.3      |            |             |            | 16.7      |              |           |              | 23.6       |             | 11.6      |            |              | 15.3       |            | 18.6        |            |             | 10.1      |                 |            | 18.2           | 16.8          |

**TABLE CC-13**  
**AVERAGE DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION**

|                        | Civil      |            |            | Criminal   |            |            | Juvenile  |           |           |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                        | 1985-86    | 1986-87    | 1987-88    | 1985-86    | 1986-87    | 1987-88    | 1985-86   | 1986-87   | 1987-88   |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |
| Dorchester             | 141        | 148        | 172        | 113        | 121        | 98         | 32        | 37        | 31        |
| Somerset               | 116        | 98         | 109        | 115        | 128        | 132        | 14        | 19        | 12        |
| Wicomico               | 154        | 179        | 185        | 89         | 97         | 94         | 34        | 35        | 37        |
| Worcester              | 174        | 177        | 163        | 110        | 112        | 124        | 59        | 58        | 56        |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |
| Caroline               | 197        | 179        | 165        | 163        | 160        | 170        | 50        | 50        | 72        |
| Cecil                  | 152        | 143        | 156        | 159        | 146        | 150        | 46        | 56        | 56        |
| Kent                   | 107        | 141        | 179        | 129        | 125        | 113        | 38        | 37        | 43        |
| Queen Anne's           | 160        | 181        | 182        | 123        | 134        | 134        | 35        | 47        | 51        |
| Talbot                 | 158        | 163        | 171        | 126        | 186        | 174        | 69        | 60        | 57        |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |
| Baltimore              | 210        | 213        | 207        | 106        | 125        | 105        | 51        | 48        | 46        |
| Harford                | 176        | 186        | 187        | 161        | 166        | 147        | 55        | 59        | 38        |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |
| Allegany               | 232        | 216        | 282        | 144        | 165        | 173        | 38        | 67        | 57        |
| Garrett                | 189        | 187        | 167        | 160        | 124        | 107        | 51        | 38        | 50        |
| Washington             | 170        | 182        | 175        | 157        | 146        | 129        | 43        | 43        | 40        |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |
| Anne Arundel           | 184        | 228        | 203        | 143        | 149        | 150        | 74        | 80        | 84        |
| Carroll                | 151        | 187        | 180        | 150        | 161        | 199        | 69        | 82        | 78        |
| Howard                 | 225        | 262        | 256        | 131        | 135        | 138        | 64        | 72        | 65        |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |
| Frederick              | 173        | 184        | 185        | 111        | 128        | 155        | 68        | 70        | 78        |
| Montgomery             | 245        | 242        | 258        | 168        | 178        | 175        | 85        | 106       | 108       |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |
| Calvert                | 189        | 191        | 193        | 105        | 95         | 98         | 77        | 81        | 94        |
| Charles                | 193        | 192        | 181        | 154        | 141        | 146        | 66        | 65        | 68        |
| Prince George's        | 241        | 206        | 217        | 109        | 111        | 114        | 64        | 71        | 72        |
| St. Mary's             | 184        | 173        | 186        | 114        | 127        | 149        | 73        | 82        | 94        |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |
| Baltimore City         | 194        | 243        | 216        | 76         | 81         | 90         | 68        | 65        | 65        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>204</b> | <b>214</b> | <b>213</b> | <b>106</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>120</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>67</b> |

NOTE: A small number of lengthy cases can increase an average, particularly in a jurisdiction with a small caseload. For that reason, civil cases over 721 days old, criminal cases over 360 days old, and juvenile causes over 271 days old have been excluded in the above calculations. Approximately 90 to 95 percent of the cases are disposed of within those time periods.

**TABLE CC-14**  
**POPULATION IN RELATION TO CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD\***

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                        | POPULATION       | POPULATION AND CASELOAD PER CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE |                      |                       |            |                            |            | CASES FILED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT PER THOUSAND POPULATION |           |           | RATIO OF JURY TRIALS TO POPULATION |                     |
|------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|--|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                        |                  | No. of Judges                                   | Population Per Judge | Cases Filed Per Judge |            | Cases Terminated Per Judge |            |  |           |           | No. of Jury Trials                 | Per 1000 Population |
|                        |                  |   |                      | Civil**               | Criminal   | Civil**                    | Criminal   | Civil**  | Criminal  | Total     |                                    |                     |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   |                  |   |                      |                       |            |                            |            |  |           |           |                                    |                     |
| Dorchester             | 29,900           | 1   | 29,900               | 1,286                 | 440        | 1,134                      | 399        | 43   | 15        | 58        | 43                                 | 1.44                |
| Somerset               | 19,600           | 1   | 19,600               | 870                   | 238        | 826                        | 182        | 44   | 12        | 56        | 23                                 | 1.17                |
| Wicomico               | 72,000           | 2   | 36,000               | 917                   | 581        | 856                        | 560        | 25   | 16        | 41        | 106                                | 1.47                |
| Worcester              | 37,900           | 2   | 18,950               | 653                   | 398        | 647                        | 377        | 34   | 21        | 55        | 60                                 | 1.58                |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  |                  |   |                      |                       |            |                            |            |  |           |           |                                    |                     |
| Caroline               | 24,900           | 1   | 24,900               | 920                   | 260        | 908                        | 280        | 37   | 10        | 47        | 35                                 | 1.41                |
| Cecil                  | 70,100           | 2   | 35,050               | 1,089                 | 360        | 930                        | 309        | 31   | 10        | 41        | 76                                 | 1.08                |
| Kent                   | 17,000           | 1   | 17,000               | 423                   | 220        | 412                        | 158        | 25   | 13        | 38        | 5                                  | 0.29                |
| Queen Anne's           | 31,400           | 1   | 31,400               | 733                   | 312        | 696                        | 304        | 23   | 10        | 33        | 18                                 | 0.57                |
| Talbot                 | 27,700           | 1   | 27,700               | 828                   | 346        | 773                        | 236        | 30   | 12        | 42        | 36                                 | 1.30                |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   |                  |   |                      |                       |            |                            |            |  |           |           |                                    |                     |
| Baltimore              | 681,000          | 13  | 52,385               | 1,292                 | 671        | 1,175                      | 562        | 25   | 13        | 38        | 243                                | 0.36                |
| Harford                | 164,600          | 4   | 41,150               | 1,033                 | 582        | 1,110                      | 475        | 25   | 14        | 39        | 54                                 | 0.33                |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                  |   |                      |                       |            |                            |            |  |           |           |                                    |                     |
| Allegany               | 73,500           | 2   | 36,750               | 842                   | 185        | 1,013                      | 222        | 23   | 5         | 28        | 47                                 | 0.64                |
| Garrett                | 26,100           | 1   | 26,100               | 822                   | 84         | 814                        | 75         | 31   | 3         | 34        | 6                                  | 0.23                |
| Washington             | 116,700          | 3   | 38,900               | 1,124                 | 377        | 1,059                      | 352        | 29   | 10        | 39        | 141                                | 1.21                |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                  |   |                      |                       |            |                            |            |  |           |           |                                    |                     |
| Anne Arundel           | 418,800          | 9   | 46,533               | 1,339                 | 408        | 997                        | 311        | 29   | 9         | 38        | 218                                | 0.52                |
| Carroll                | 117,500          | 2   | 58,750               | 1,312                 | 713        | 1,290                      | 616        | 22   | 12        | 34        | 38                                 | 0.32                |
| Howard                 | 161,700          | 4   | 40,425               | 932                   | 530        | 927                        | 489        | 23   | 13        | 36        | 77                                 | 0.48                |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                  |   |                      |                       |            |                            |            |  |           |           |                                    |                     |
| Frederick              | 137,900          | 3   | 45,967               | 968                   | 300        | 832                        | 263        | 21   | 7         | 28        | 61                                 | 0.44                |
| Montgomery             | 700,000          | 13  | 53,846               | 1,108                 | 548        | 887                        | 499        | 21   | 10        | 31        | 558                                | 0.80                |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> |                  |   |                      |                       |            |                            |            |  |           |           |                                    |                     |
| Calvert                | 46,800           | 1   | 46,800               | 1,273                 | 422        | 1,232                      | 368        | 27   | 9         | 36        | 30                                 | 0.64                |
| Charles                | 94,900           | 2   | 47,450               | 1,890                 | 477        | 1,686                      | 443        | 40   | 10        | 50        | 56                                 | 0.59                |
| Prince George's        | 688,300          | 16  | 43,019               | 1,750                 | 457        | 1,557                      | 439        | 41   | 11        | 52        | 573                                | 0.83                |
| St. Mary's             | 71,000           | 1   | 71,000               | 2,219                 | 1,116      | 1,923                      | 1,019      | 31   | 16        | 47        | 23                                 | 0.32                |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                  |   |                      |                       |            |                            |            |  |           |           |                                    |                     |
| Baltimore City         | 750,900          | 23  | 32,648               | 1,622                 | 685        | 1,438                      | 637        | 50   | 21        | 71        | 624                                | 0.83                |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>4,580,200</b> | <b>109</b>                                      | <b>42,020</b>        | <b>1,334</b>          | <b>531</b> | <b>1,185</b>               | <b>477</b> | <b>32</b>  | <b>13</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>3,151</b>                       | <b>0.69</b>         |

\*Population estimate for July 1, 1988, issued by the Maryland Center for Health Statistics.

\*\*Juvenile causes in Montgomery County are not included since they are heard at the District Court level. Juvenile causes in all other counties are included in the civil category.

**TABLE CC-15**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**CASES FILED AND TERMINATED PER JUDGE**  
**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

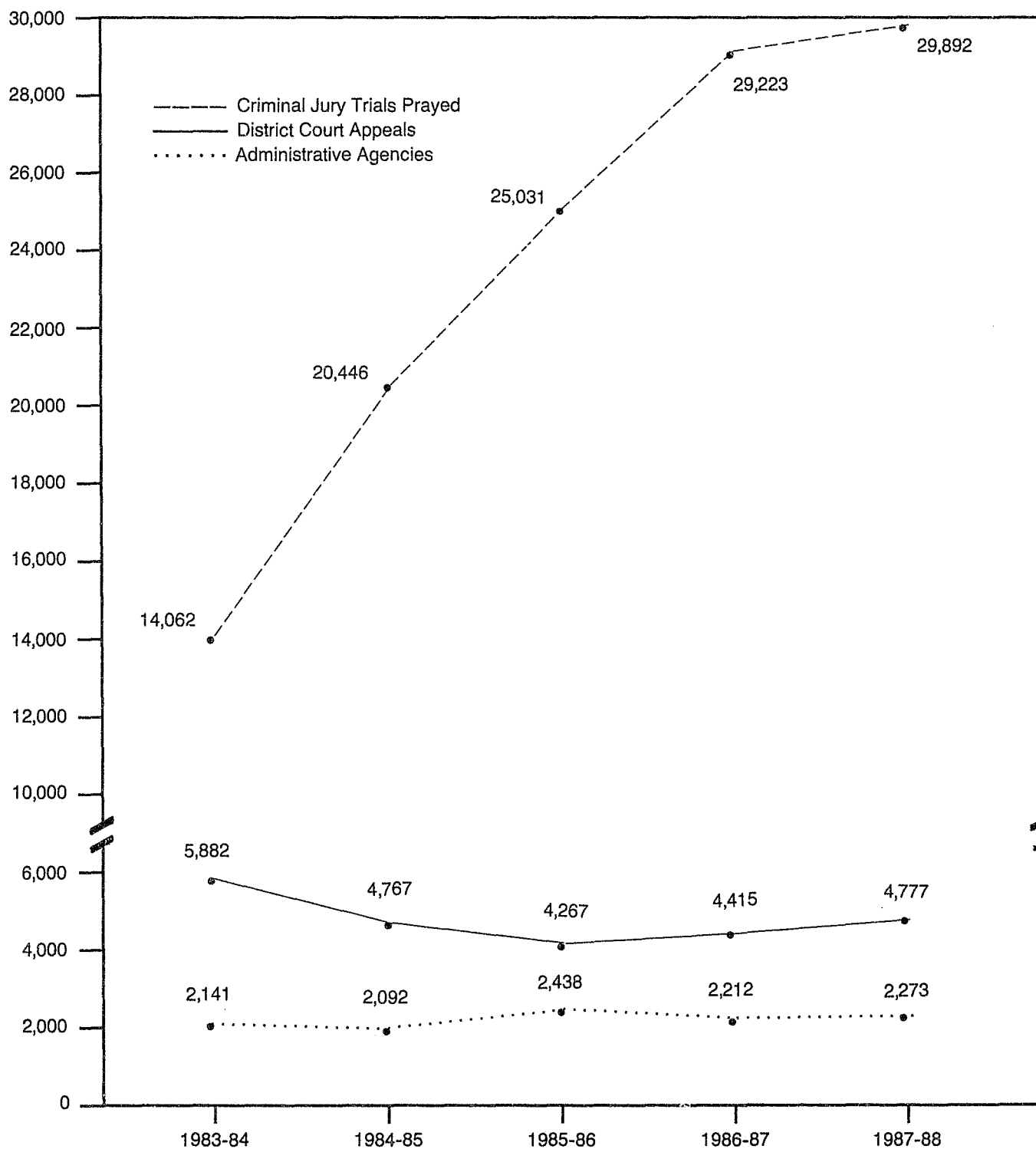
|           | FILED  |          | TERMINATED |          |
|-----------|--------|----------|------------|----------|
|           | Civil* | Criminal | Civil*     | Criminal |
| 1983-1984 | 1,205  | 353      | 1,092      | 331      |
| 1984-1985 | 1,209  | 397      | 1,049      | 369      |
| 1985-1986 | 1,262  | 446      | 1,034      | 395      |
| 1986-1987 | 1,272  | 507      | 1,068      | 412      |
| 1987-1988 | 1,334  | 531      | 1,185      | 477      |

\*Juvenile causes in Montgomery County are not included since they are heard at the District Court level. Juvenile causes in all other counties are included in the civil category.

**TABLE CC-16**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**APPEALS FROM THE DISTRICT COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES**  
**FISCAL 1984—1988**

|                        | 1983-1984      |                 | 1984-1985      |                 | 1985-1986      |                 | 1986-1987      |                 | 1987-1988      |                 |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                        | District Court | Admin. Agencies | District Court | Admin. Agencies | District Court | Admin. Agencies | District Court | Admin. Agencies | District Court | Admin. Agencies |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>286</b>     | <b>64</b>       | <b>217</b>     | <b>80</b>       | <b>156</b>     | <b>73</b>       | <b>151</b>     | <b>115</b>      | <b>211</b>     | <b>99</b>       |
| Dorchester             | 41             | 15              | 35             | 22              | 29             | 19              | 31             | 58              | 43             | 22              |
| Somerset               | 15             | 2               | 12             | 6               | 13             | 3               | 13             | 12              | 13             | 16              |
| Wicomico               | 112            | 26              | 82             | 26              | 59             | 23              | 46             | 26              | 62             | 25              |
| Worcester              | 118            | 21              | 88             | 26              | 55             | 28              | 61             | 19              | 93             | 36              |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>141</b>     | <b>42</b>       | <b>171</b>     | <b>74</b>       | <b>162</b>     | <b>130</b>      | <b>192</b>     | <b>81</b>       | <b>235</b>     | <b>87</b>       |
| Caroline               | 19             | 0               | 15             | 4               | 20             | 9               | 20             | 6               | 33             | 16              |
| Cecil                  | 61             | 20              | 97             | 31              | 76             | 59              | 95             | 39              | 120            | 32              |
| Kent                   | 11             | 6               | 11             | 8               | 18             | 18              | 15             | 7               | 15             | 15              |
| Queen Anne's           | 24             | 11              | 23             | 18              | 15             | 17              | 31             | 14              | 28             | 7               |
| Talbot                 | 26             | 5               | 25             | 13              | 33             | 27              | 31             | 15              | 39             | 17              |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>1,074</b>   | <b>433</b>      | <b>1,007</b>   | <b>494</b>      | <b>982</b>     | <b>568</b>      | <b>1,208</b>   | <b>512</b>      | <b>1,334</b>   | <b>650</b>      |
| Baltimore              | 907            | 361             | 879            | 402             | 860            | 475             | 1,066          | 418             | 1,173          | 508             |
| Harford                | 167            | 72              | 128            | 92              | 122            | 93              | 142            | 94              | 161            | 142             |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>213</b>     | <b>120</b>      | <b>186</b>     | <b>148</b>      | <b>150</b>     | <b>102</b>      | <b>155</b>     | <b>113</b>      | <b>175</b>     | <b>142</b>      |
| Allegany               | 93             | 39              | 88             | 65              | 76             | 52              | 47             | 59              | 48             | 74              |
| Garrett                | 13             | 10              | 16             | 18              | 14             | 13              | 24             | 13              | 15             | 15              |
| Washington             | 107            | 71              | 82             | 65              | 60             | 37              | 84             | 41              | 112            | 53              |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>1,045</b>   | <b>298</b>      | <b>762</b>     | <b>357</b>      | <b>752</b>     | <b>421</b>      | <b>678</b>     | <b>475</b>      | <b>673</b>     | <b>555</b>      |
| Anne Arundel           | 612            | 183             | 384            | 225             | 369            | 283             | 344            | 366             | 262            | 402             |
| Carroll                | 196            | 49              | 148            | 41              | 153            | 47              | 117            | 41              | 157            | 57              |
| Howard                 | 237            | 66              | 230            | 91              | 230            | 91              | 217            | 68              | 254            | 96              |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>973</b>     | <b>295</b>      | <b>745</b>     | <b>317</b>      | <b>668</b>     | <b>314</b>      | <b>646</b>     | <b>254</b>      | <b>924</b>     | <b>127</b>      |
| Frederick              | 104            | 36              | 102            | 29              | 45             | 40              | 79             | 40              | 112            | 56              |
| Montgomery             | 869            | 259             | 643            | 288             | 623            | 274             | 567            | 214             | 812            | 71              |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>873</b>     | <b>440</b>      | <b>470</b>     | <b>408</b>      | <b>492</b>     | <b>416</b>      | <b>434</b>     | <b>294</b>      | <b>406</b>     | <b>232</b>      |
| Calvert                | 69             | 29              | 39             | 26              | 31             | 37              | 41             | 36              | 36             | 26              |
| Charles                | 51             | 40              | 51             | 30              | 67             | 32              | 103            | 27              | 55             | 43              |
| Prince George's        | 684            | 351             | 353            | 336             | 363            | 235             | 281            | 170             | 291            | 136             |
| St. Mary's             | 69             | 20              | 27             | 16              | 31             | 112             | 9              | 61              | 24             | 27              |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>1,277</b>   | <b>449</b>      | <b>1,209</b>   | <b>214</b>      | <b>905</b>     | <b>414</b>      | <b>951</b>     | <b>368</b>      | <b>819</b>     | <b>381</b>      |
| Baltimore City         | 1,277          | 449             | 1,209          | 214             | 905            | 414             | 951            | 368             | 819            | 381             |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>5,882</b>   | <b>2,141</b>    | <b>4,767</b>   | <b>2,092</b>    | <b>4,267</b>   | <b>2,438</b>    | <b>4,415</b>   | <b>2,212</b>    | <b>4,777</b>   | <b>2,273</b>    |

TABLE CC-17

**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE GRAPH  
APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES**

NOTE: Jury trial prayers are slightly higher in Table CC-17 than in Table CC-5 because the data for Baltimore City is based on defendants in Table CC-5. In Table CC-17, the Baltimore City data is based on incidence.

TABLE CC-18

FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE  
POST CONVICTION CASES FILED

FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988

|                        | 1983-84    | 1984-85    | 1985-86    | 1986-87    | 1987-88    |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>15</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>   |
| Dorchester             | 14         | 4          | 5          | 0          | 0          |
| Somerset               | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Wicomico               | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Worcester              | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>17</b>  |
| Caroline               | 8          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 8          |
| Cecil                  | 2          | 3          | 1          | 5          | 8          |
| Kent                   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          |
| Queen Anne's           | 5          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Talbot                 | 0          | 0          | 3          | 0          | 0          |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>13</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>9</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>13</b>  |
| Baltimore              | 0          | 0          | 1          | 2          | 0          |
| Harford                | 13         | 5          | 8          | 3          | 13         |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>23</b>  |
| Allegany               | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Garrett                | 5          | 2          | 2          | 0          | 8          |
| Washington             | 25         | 15         | 14         | 13         | 15         |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>24</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>  | <b>33</b>  | <b>30</b>  |
| Anne Arundel           | 0          | 11         | 9          | 26         | 21         |
| Carroll                | 0          | 0          | 2          | 1          | 0          |
| Howard                 | 24         | 6          | 7          | 6          | 9          |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>21</b>  | <b>39</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>5</b>   |
| Frederick              | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Montgomery             | 21         | 39         | 24         | 9          | 5          |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>92</b>  | <b>97</b>  | <b>85</b>  | <b>122</b> | <b>21</b>  |
| Calvert                | 1          | 6          | 5          | 5          | 5          |
| Charles                | 14         | 14         | 5          | 9          | 7          |
| Prince George's        | 75         | 74         | 73         | 108        | 9          |
| St. Mary's             | 2          | 3          | 2          | 0          | 0          |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>191</b> | <b>172</b> | <b>128</b> | <b>147</b> | <b>117</b> |
| Baltimore City         | 191        | 172        | 128        | 147        | 117        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>401</b> | <b>355</b> | <b>290</b> | <b>335</b> | <b>227</b> |

**TABLE CC-19**  
**APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW OF CRIMINAL SENTENCES**  
**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                        | Filed<br>During<br>Year | Withdrawn<br>by Applicant | TERMINATED, CONSIDERED<br>AND DISPOSED OF |                                   |                                   |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                        |                         |                           | Original<br>Sentence<br>Unchanged         | Original<br>Sentence<br>Increased | Original<br>Sentence<br>Decreased |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   |                         |                           |   |                                   |                                   |
| Dorchester             | 3                       | 0                         | 3   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Somerset               | 0                       | 0                         | 0   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Wicomico               | 1                       | 0                         | 1   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Worcester              | 7                       | 1                         | 12  | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  |                         |                           |   |                                   |                                   |
| Caroline               | 16                      | 0                         | 3   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Cecil                  | 11                      | 2                         | 9   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Kent                   | 0                       | 0                         | 0   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Queen Anne's           | 0                       | 0                         | 0   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Talbot                 | 0                       | 0                         | 0   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   |                         |                           |   |                                   |                                   |
| Baltimore              | 14                      | 0                         | 19  | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Harford                | 6                       | 0                         | 3   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                         |                           |   |                                   |                                   |
| Allegany               | 10                      | 5                         | 9   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Garrett                | 4                       | 0                         | 2   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Washington             | 38                      | 3                         | 31  | 0                                 | 4                                 |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                         |                           |   |                                   |                                   |
| Anne Arundel           | 5                       | 0                         | 3   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Carroll                | 4                       | 0                         | 0   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Howard                 | 4                       | 0                         | 4   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                         |                           |   |                                   |                                   |
| Frederick              | 36                      | 1                         | 17  | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| Montgomery             | 0                       | 0                         | 0   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> |                         |                           |   |                                   |                                   |
| Calvert                | 5                       | 2                         | 2   | 0                                 | 1                                 |
| Charles                | 17                      | 0                         | 15  | 1                                 | 1                                 |
| Prince George's        | 41                      | 3                         | 35  | 0                                 | 1                                 |
| St. Mary's             | 0                       | 0                         | 5   | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                         |                           |   |                                   |                                   |
| Baltimore City         | 74                      | 4                         | 62  | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>296</b>              | <b>21</b>                 | <b>235</b>                                | <b>1</b>                          | <b>7</b>                          |

**TABLE CC-20**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**CIVIL CASES**  
**FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**  
**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                        | COMBINED ORIGINAL AND REOPENED CASES FILED AND TERMINATED |               |                |               |                |               |                |               |                |               |
|------------------------|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|                        | 1983-84   |               | 1984-85        |               | 1985-86        |               | 1986-87        |               | 1987-88        |               |
|                        | F   | T             | F              | T             | F              | T             | F              | T             | F              | T             |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>4,441</b>  | <b>4,214</b>  | <b>4,244</b>   | <b>3,917</b>  | <b>4,797</b>   | <b>4,815</b>  | <b>4,550</b>   | <b>4,342</b>  | <b>4,719</b>   | <b>4,392</b>  |
| Dorchester             | 941   | 861           | 1,071          | 1,014         | 1,415          | 1,579         | 1,398          | 1,271         | 1,190          | 1,036         |
| Somerset               | 650   | 637           | 562            | 499           | 687            | 708           | 700            | 654           | 783            | 742           |
| Wicomico               | 1,774   | 1,725         | 1,425          | 1,363         | 1,450          | 1,319         | 1,358          | 1,310         | 1,650          | 1,524         |
| Worcester              | 1,076   | 991           | 1,186          | 1,041         | 1,245          | 1,209         | 1,094          | 1,107         | 1,096          | 1,090         |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>3,823</b>  | <b>3,545</b>  | <b>3,978</b>   | <b>3,771</b>  | <b>3,989</b>   | <b>3,700</b>  | <b>3,917</b>   | <b>3,441</b>  | <b>4,373</b>   | <b>3,964</b>  |
| Caroline               | 499   | 491           | 673            | 555           | 697            | 729           | 656            | 547           | 832            | 807           |
| Cecil                  | 1,514   | 1,353         | 1,701          | 1,612         | 1,601          | 1,428         | 1,626          | 1,428         | 1,875          | 1,589         |
| Kent                   | 310   | 284           | 270            | 297           | 379            | 297           | 451            | 445           | 376            | 370           |
| Queen Anne's           | 753   | 702           | 671            | 704           | 644            | 626           | 563            | 562           | 619            | 579           |
| Talbot                 | 747   | 715           | 663            | 603           | 668            | 620           | 621            | 459           | 671            | 619           |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>13,328</b>   | <b>12,262</b> | <b>14,168</b>  | <b>11,591</b> | <b>15,153</b>  | <b>11,933</b> | <b>14,547</b>  | <b>12,061</b> | <b>16,675</b>  | <b>15,351</b> |
| Baltimore              | 10,507  | 10,039        | 11,200         | 9,472         | 12,044         | 9,758         | 11,633         | 9,640         | 13,365         | 11,899        |
| Harford                | 2,821   | 2,233         | 2,968          | 2,119         | 3,109          | 2,175         | 2,914          | 2,421         | 3,311          | 3,452         |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>3,620</b>  | <b>3,239</b>  | <b>4,016</b>   | <b>3,735</b>  | <b>4,372</b>   | <b>3,788</b>  | <b>4,381</b>   | <b>3,558</b>  | <b>4,827</b>   | <b>4,983</b>  |
| Allegany               | 954   | 705           | 1,048          | 919           | 1,134          | 864           | 1,221          | 774           | 1,388          | 1,739         |
| Garrett                | 511   | 539           | 510            | 518           | 503            | 498           | 541            | 537           | 676            | 659           |
| Washington             | 2,155   | 1,995         | 2,458          | 2,298         | 2,735          | 2,426         | 2,619          | 2,247         | 2,763          | 2,585         |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>14,583</b>   | <b>13,985</b> | <b>16,743</b>  | <b>14,166</b> | <b>16,320</b>  | <b>12,573</b> | <b>14,110</b>  | <b>13,338</b> | <b>14,206</b>  | <b>11,199</b> |
| Anne Arundel           | 10,901  | 10,535        | 12,645         | 10,369        | 11,967         | 8,810         | 9,835          | 9,453         | 9,012          | 6,038         |
| Carroll                | 1,667   | 1,532         | 1,784          | 1,549         | 1,883          | 1,718         | 1,895          | 1,785         | 2,013          | 1,919         |
| Howard                 | 2,015   | 1,918         | 2,314          | 2,248         | 2,470          | 2,045         | 2,380          | 2,100         | 3,181          | 3,242         |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>13,667</b>   | <b>12,587</b> | <b>13,838</b>  | <b>13,474</b> | <b>14,492</b>  | <b>12,331</b> | <b>14,944</b>  | <b>11,627</b> | <b>16,976</b>  | <b>13,706</b> |
| Frederick              | 1,957   | 1,796         | 1,883          | 1,901         | 2,134          | 1,957         | 2,274          | 1,866         | 2,573          | 2,173         |
| Montgomery             | 11,710  | 10,791        | 11,955         | 11,573        | 12,358         | 10,374        | 12,670         | 9,761         | 14,403         | 11,533        |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>22,378</b>   | <b>23,357</b> | <b>21,695</b>  | <b>17,076</b> | <b>23,406</b>  | <b>18,139</b> | <b>26,462</b>  | <b>24,648</b> | <b>27,374</b>  | <b>24,023</b> |
| Calvert                | 839   | 668           | 798            | 746           | 896            | 892           | 914            | 888           | 959            | 916           |
| Charles                | 1,692   | 1,594         | 1,860          | 1,705         | 2,212          | 2,104         | 2,990          | 2,535         | 3,063          | 2,660         |
| Prince George's        | 18,738  | 20,046        | 18,046         | 13,729        | 19,309         | 14,269        | 20,817         | 19,652        | 21,451         | 18,758        |
| St. Mary's             | 1,109   | 1,049         | 991            | 896           | 989            | 874           | 1,741          | 1,573         | 1,901          | 1,689         |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>18,746</b>   | <b>13,181</b> | <b>23,348</b>  | <b>18,076</b> | <b>24,187</b>  | <b>16,367</b> | <b>23,282</b>  | <b>11,879</b> | <b>23,494</b>  | <b>20,154</b> |
| Baltimore City         | 18,746  | 13,181        | 23,348         | 18,076        | 24,187         | 16,367        | 23,282         | 11,879        | 23,494         | 20,154        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>94,586</b>   | <b>86,370</b> | <b>102,030</b> | <b>85,806</b> | <b>106,716</b> | <b>83,646</b> | <b>106,193</b> | <b>84,894</b> | <b>112,645</b> | <b>97,772</b> |

NOTE: In most instances, a civil case is reopened statistically at the time a pleading is filed (i.e. a Motion for Modification of Decree is filed in a divorce case after the final decree has been issued). In a few jurisdictions in Maryland, a civil case is not reopened statistically until the time a hearing is held on a case with post-judgment activity.

**TABLE CC-21**  
**CIVIL CASES**  
**RATIO OF TRIALS TO DISPOSITIONS**  
**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                        | Dispositions  | Trials       | Per-<br>centages | Court<br>Trials | Per-<br>centages | Jury<br>Trials | Per-<br>centages |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>4,392</b>  | <b>217</b>   | <b>4.9</b>       | <b>181</b>      | <b>4.1</b>       | <b>36</b>      | <b>0.8</b>       |
| Dorchester             | 1,036         | 60           | 5.8              | 52              | 5.0              | 8              | 0.8              |
| Somerset               | 742           | 8            | 1.1              | 6               | 0.8              | 2              | 0.3              |
| Wicomico               | 1,524         | 106          | 7.0              | 94              | 6.2              | 12             | 0.8              |
| Worcester              | 1,090         | 43           | 3.9              | 29              | 2.6              | 14             | 1.3              |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>3,964</b>  | <b>652</b>   | <b>16.4</b>      | <b>616</b>      | <b>15.5</b>      | <b>36</b>      | <b>0.9</b>       |
| Caroline               | 807           | 182          | 22.5             | 177             | 21.9             | 5              | 0.6              |
| Cecil                  | 1,589         | 415          | 26.1             | 399             | 25.1             | 16             | 1.0              |
| Kent                   | 370           | 4            | 1.1              | 2               | 0.5              | 2              | 0.5              |
| Queen Anne's           | 579           | 30           | 5.2              | 24              | 4.1              | 6              | 1.0              |
| Talbot                 | 619           | 21           | 3.4              | 14              | 2.3              | 7              | 1.1              |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>15,351</b> | <b>790</b>   | <b>5.1</b>       | <b>622</b>      | <b>4.0</b>       | <b>168</b>     | <b>1.1</b>       |
| Baltimore              | 11,899        | 491          | 4.1              | 344             | 2.9              | 147            | 1.2              |
| Harford                | 3,452         | 299          | 8.7              | 278             | 8.1              | 21             | 0.6              |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>4,983</b>  | <b>377</b>   | <b>7.6</b>       | <b>310</b>      | <b>6.2</b>       | <b>67</b>      | <b>1.3</b>       |
| Allegany               | 1,739         | 136          | 7.8              | 119             | 6.8              | 17             | 1.0              |
| Garrett                | 659           | 78           | 11.8             | 74              | 11.2             | 4              | 0.6              |
| Washington             | 2,585         | 163          | 6.3              | 117             | 4.5              | 46             | 1.8              |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>11,199</b> | <b>833</b>   | <b>7.4</b>       | <b>628</b>      | <b>5.6</b>       | <b>205</b>     | <b>1.8</b>       |
| Anne Arundel           | 6,038         | 429          | 7.1              | 294             | 4.9              | 135            | 2.2              |
| Carroll                | 1,919         | 84           | 4.4              | 67              | 3.5              | 17             | 0.9              |
| Howard                 | 3,242         | 320          | 9.9              | 267             | 8.2              | 53             | 1.6              |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>13,706</b> | <b>991</b>   | <b>7.2</b>       | <b>817</b>      | <b>6.0</b>       | <b>174</b>     | <b>1.2</b>       |
| Frederick              | 2,173         | 223          | 10.3             | 190             | 8.7              | 33             | 1.5              |
| Montgomery             | 11,533        | 768          | 6.6              | 627             | 5.4              | 141            | 1.2              |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>24,023</b> | <b>3,633</b> | <b>15.1</b>      | <b>3,254</b>    | <b>13.5</b>      | <b>379</b>     | <b>1.6</b>       |
| Calvert                | 916           | 128          | 14.0             | 110             | 12.0             | 18             | 2.0              |
| Charles                | 2,660         | 485          | 18.2             | 458             | 17.2             | 27             | 1.0              |
| Prince George's        | 18,758        | 2,929        | 15.6             | 2,605           | 13.9             | 324            | 1.7              |
| St. Mary's             | 1,689         | 91           | 5.4              | 81              | 4.8              | 10             | 0.6              |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>20,154</b> | <b>1,386</b> | <b>6.9</b>       | <b>1,164</b>    | <b>5.8</b>       | <b>222</b>     | <b>1.1</b>       |
| Baltimore City         | 20,154        | 1,386        | 6.9              | 1,164           | 5.8              | 222            | 1.1              |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>97,772</b> | <b>8,879</b> | <b>9.1</b>       | <b>7,592</b>    | <b>7.8</b>       | <b>1,287</b>   | <b>1.3</b>       |

**TABLE CC-22**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**CIVIL CASES TRIED**

**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                        | 1983-84      | 1984-85      | 1985-86      | 1986-87      | 1987-88      |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>173</b>   | <b>264</b>   | <b>226</b>   | <b>260</b>   | <b>217</b>   |
| Dorchester             | 18           | 36           | 27           | 38           | 60           |
| Somerset               | 25           | 24           | 17           | 37           | 8            |
| Wicomico               | 85           | 112          | 117          | 94           | 106          |
| Worcester              | 45           | 92           | 65           | 91           | 43           |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>401</b>   | <b>551</b>   | <b>494</b>   | <b>556</b>   | <b>652</b>   |
| Caroline               | 50           | 104          | 113          | 155          | 182          |
| Cecil                  | 266          | 381          | 340          | 360          | 415          |
| Kent                   | 21           | 16           | 7            | 7            | 4            |
| Queen Anne's           | 52           | 42           | 21           | 18           | 30           |
| Talbot                 | 12           | 8            | 13           | 16           | 21           |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>1,025</b> | <b>827</b>   | <b>935</b>   | <b>901</b>   | <b>790</b>   |
| Baltimore              | 515          | 437          | 481          | 460          | 491          |
| Harford                | 510          | 390          | 454          | 441          | 299          |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>311</b>   | <b>262</b>   | <b>342</b>   | <b>315</b>   | <b>377</b>   |
| Allegany               | 74           | 98           | 160          | 141          | 136          |
| Garrett                | 109          | 90           | 85           | 87           | 78           |
| Washington             | 128          | 74           | 97           | 87           | 163          |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>1,104</b> | <b>647</b>   | <b>878</b>   | <b>719</b>   | <b>833</b>   |
| Anne Arundel           | 614          | 304          | 472          | 398          | 429          |
| Carroll                | 300          | 124          | 193          | 61           | 84           |
| Howard                 | 190          | 219          | 213          | 260          | 320          |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>2,209</b> | <b>859</b>   | <b>1,086</b> | <b>1,603</b> | <b>991</b>   |
| Frederick              | 370          | 263          | 300          | 307          | 223          |
| Montgomery             | 1,839        | 596          | 786          | 1,296        | 768          |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>1,415</b> | <b>1,466</b> | <b>3,194</b> | <b>3,613</b> | <b>3,633</b> |
| Calvert                | 113          | 127          | 161          | 119          | 128          |
| Charles                | 311          | 338          | 467          | 388          | 485          |
| Prince George's        | 943          | 918          | 2,523        | 3,083        | 2,929        |
| St. Mary's             | 48           | 83           | 43           | 23           | 91           |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>1,343</b> | <b>1,635</b> | <b>1,210</b> | <b>1,092</b> | <b>1,386</b> |
| Baltimore City         | 1,343        | 1,635        | 1,210        | 1,092        | 1,386        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>7,981</b> | <b>6,511</b> | <b>8,365</b> | <b>9,059</b> | <b>8,879</b> |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-10.

TABLE CC-23

**CIVIL—AVERAGE DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION BY AGE OF CASES  
AND CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGES OF DISPOSITIONS WITHIN  
SPECIFIC TIME PERIODS**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988**

|                        | Number<br>of<br>Cases | AVERAGE IN DAYS<br>FILING TO DISPOSITION |                                     | CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL<br>CASES DISPOSED OF LESS THAN: |             |             |             |              |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|                        |                       | All<br>Cases                             | Excluding<br>Cases Over<br>721 Days | 61<br>Days   | 181<br>Days | 361<br>Days | 721<br>Days | 1081<br>Days |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |              |
| Dorchester             | 569                   | 236                                      | 172                                 | 34.6   | 60.8        | 77.2        | 93.5        | 97.5         |
| Somerset               | 330                   | 174                                      | 109                                 | 55.2   | 76.1        | 86.4        | 95.2        | 97.6         |
| Wicomico               | 1,152                 | 258                                      | 185                                 | 33.5   | 58.1        | 72.9        | 90.5        | 98.2         |
| Worcester              | 901                   | 187                                      | 163                                 | 31.4   | 60.9        | 84.1        | 97.6        | 99.6         |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |              |
| Caroline               | 463                   | 209                                      | 165                                 | 25.9   | 64.4        | 84.0        | 95.5        | 97.8         |
| Cecil                  | 962                   | 195                                      | 156                                 | 36.6   | 64.6        | 82.7        | 95.4        | 98.5         |
| Kent                   | 282                   | 238                                      | 179                                 | 30.1   | 60.6        | 75.2        | 92.2        | 98.9         |
| Queen Anne's           | 377                   | 221                                      | 182                                 | 29.4   | 62.3        | 76.7        | 95.0        | 99.2         |
| Talbot                 | 466                   | 253                                      | 171                                 | 31.5   | 60.1        | 75.1        | 89.9        | 97.9         |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |              |
| Baltimore              | 10,593                | 332                                      | 207                                 | 26.5   | 51.1        | 64.7        | 84.9        | 95.4         |
| Harford                | 2,626                 | 679                                      | 187                                 | 22.0   | 43.0        | 56.3        | 69.2        | 75.7         |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |              |
| Allegany               | 1,476                 | 896                                      | 282                                 | 8.9  | 28.9        | 42.3        | 68.1        | 78.7         |
| Garrett                | 408                   | 189                                      | 167                                 | 36.5   | 63.7        | 80.4        | 98.0        | 99.3         |
| Washington             | 1,843                 | 230                                      | 175                                 | 36.4   | 63.0        | 75.9        | 93.7        | 98.1         |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |              |
| Anne Arundel           | 4,708                 | 308                                      | 203                                 | 19.7   | 52.9        | 73.4        | 90.5        | 94.7         |
| Carroll                | 1,541                 | 286                                      | 180                                 | 24.7   | 56.1        | 72.7        | 86.6        | 97.3         |
| Howard                 | 2,779                 | 509                                      | 256                                 | 10.5   | 37.2        | 56.8        | 81.6        | 88.5         |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |              |
| Frederick              | 1,769                 | 258                                      | 185                                 | 26.3   | 58.7        | 75.4        | 91.9        | 97.7         |
| Montgomery             | 9,679                 | 355                                      | 258                                 | 14.6   | 41.4        | 61.5        | 88.1        | 96.4         |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |              |
| Calvert                | 804                   | 257                                      | 193                                 | 27.1   | 57.0        | 73.4        | 91.7        | 98.0         |
| Charles                | 1,436                 | 229                                      | 181                                 | 26.7   | 61.3        | 79.0        | 94.8        | 98.1         |
| Prince George's        | 13,637                | 325                                      | 217                                 | 16.2   | 47.4        | 68.5        | 86.5        | 97.3         |
| St. Mary's             | 987                   | 266                                      | 186                                 | 23.4   | 57.4        | 75.4        | 90.8        | 98.0         |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |              |
| Baltimore City         | 19,427                | 375                                      | 216                                 | 22.9   | 47.5        | 61.2        | 80.7        | 94.6         |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>79,215</b>         | <b>354</b>                               | <b>213</b>                          | <b>21.7</b>  | <b>49.0</b> | <b>65.9</b> | <b>85.3</b> | <b>94.9</b>  |

NOTE: Does not include reopened cases. In some counties the number of terminated cases may differ slightly and will be lower than figures appearing on other tables in this report. See also note to Table CC-13.

**TABLE CC-24**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**CRIMINAL CASES**  
**FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**  
**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                        | COMBINED ORIGINAL AND REOPENED CASES FILED AND TERMINATED |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                        | 1983-84   |               | 1984-85       |               | 1985-86       |               | 1986-87       |               | 1987-88       |               |
|                        | F   | T             | F             | T             | F             | T             | F             | T             | F             | T             |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>1,489</b>  | <b>1,494</b>  | <b>1,594</b>  | <b>1,512</b>  | <b>2,142</b>  | <b>1,815</b>  | <b>2,498</b>  | <b>2,363</b>  | <b>2,635</b>  | <b>2,454</b>  |
| Dorchester             | 215   | 190           | 260           | 253           | 286           | 246           | 310           | 305           | 440           | 399           |
| Somerset               | 108   | 122           | 155           | 150           | 190           | 139           | 228           | 211           | 238           | 182           |
| Wicomico               | 668   | 685           | 632           | 637           | 976           | 829           | 1,050         | 1,031         | 1,161         | 1,119         |
| Worcester              | 498   | 497           | 547           | 472           | 690           | 601           | 910           | 816           | 796           | 754           |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>915</b>  | <b>908</b>    | <b>956</b>    | <b>925</b>    | <b>1,219</b>  | <b>1,004</b>  | <b>1,568</b>  | <b>1,335</b>  | <b>1,858</b>  | <b>1,595</b>  |
| Caroline               | 123   | 124           | 142           | 116           | 179           | 166           | 281           | 210           | 260           | 280           |
| Cecil                  | 465   | 416           | 429           | 461           | 456           | 391           | 582           | 471           | 720           | 617           |
| Kent                   | 48  | 56            | 54            | 57            | 127           | 88            | 169           | 158           | 220           | 158           |
| Queen Anne's           | 165   | 161           | 165           | 170           | 194           | 180           | 261           | 220           | 312           | 304           |
| Talbot                 | 114   | 151           | 166           | 121           | 263           | 179           | 275           | 276           | 346           | 236           |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>6,378</b>  | <b>5,649</b>  | <b>7,136</b>  | <b>6,033</b>  | <b>8,871</b>  | <b>7,170</b>  | <b>10,573</b> | <b>8,619</b>  | <b>11,046</b> | <b>9,200</b>  |
| Baltimore              | 5,211   | 4,806         | 5,799         | 4,976         | 7,374         | 5,924         | 8,717         | 7,099         | 8,719         | 7,301         |
| Harford                | 1,167   | 843           | 1,337         | 1,066         | 1,497         | 1,246         | 1,856         | 1,520         | 2,327         | 1,899         |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>729</b>  | <b>718</b>    | <b>844</b>    | <b>770</b>    | <b>1,042</b>  | <b>841</b>    | <b>1,299</b>  | <b>1,136</b>  | <b>1,585</b>  | <b>1,574</b>  |
| Allegany               | 219   | 178           | 248           | 232           | 362           | 286           | 341           | 323           | 369           | 444           |
| Garrett                | 86  | 109           | 113           | 85            | 91            | 107           | 105           | 119           | 84            | 75            |
| Washington             | 424   | 431           | 483           | 453           | 589           | 448           | 853           | 694           | 1,132         | 1,055         |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>5,010</b>  | <b>4,116</b>  | <b>5,135</b>  | <b>4,870</b>  | <b>5,643</b>  | <b>5,063</b>  | <b>6,516</b>  | <b>5,432</b>  | <b>7,214</b>  | <b>5,985</b>  |
| Anne Arundel           | 2,493   | 1,925         | 2,562         | 2,313         | 2,822         | 2,413         | 3,380         | 2,707         | 3,669         | 2,798         |
| Carroll                | 1,196   | 980           | 1,134         | 1,218         | 1,162         | 1,117         | 1,224         | 910           | 1,426         | 1,231         |
| Howard                 | 1,321   | 1,211         | 1,439         | 1,339         | 1,659         | 1,533         | 1,912         | 1,815         | 2,119         | 1,956         |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>4,538</b>  | <b>3,754</b>  | <b>5,465</b>  | <b>4,443</b>  | <b>5,960</b>  | <b>4,408</b>  | <b>6,993</b>  | <b>3,337</b>  | <b>8,020</b>  | <b>7,277</b>  |
| Frederick              | 357   | 317           | 487           | 472           | 644           | 473           | 786           | 645           | 900           | 788           |
| Montgomery             | 4,181   | 3,437         | 4,978         | 3,971         | 5,316         | 3,935         | 6,207         | 2,692         | 7,120         | 6,489         |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>6,747</b>  | <b>6,609</b>  | <b>7,987</b>  | <b>7,208</b>  | <b>8,654</b>  | <b>7,854</b>  | <b>9,649</b>  | <b>8,639</b>  | <b>9,806</b>  | <b>9,301</b>  |
| Calvert                | 206   | 193           | 342           | 281           | 369           | 352           | 316           | 346           | 422           | 368           |
| Charles                | 571   | 517           | 613           | 571           | 774           | 646           | 948           | 812           | 954           | 885           |
| Prince George's        | 5,645   | 5,607         | 6,707         | 6,038         | 7,138         | 6,497         | 7,559         | 6,945         | 7,314         | 7,029         |
| St. Mary's             | 325   | 292           | 325           | 318           | 373           | 359           | 826           | 536           | 1,116         | 1,019         |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>10,932</b>   | <b>11,210</b> | <b>13,430</b> | <b>13,772</b> | <b>15,129</b> | <b>14,859</b> | <b>16,151</b> | <b>14,049</b> | <b>15,759</b> | <b>14,653</b> |
| Baltimore City         | 10,932  | 11,210        | 13,430        | 13,772        | 15,129        | 14,859        | 16,151        | 14,049        | 15,759        | 14,653        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>36,738</b>   | <b>34,458</b> | <b>42,547</b> | <b>39,533</b> | <b>48,660</b> | <b>43,014</b> | <b>55,247</b> | <b>44,910</b> | <b>57,923</b> | <b>52,039</b> |

**TABLE CC-25**  
**CRIMINAL CASES**  
**RATIO OF TRIALS TO DISPOSITIONS**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                        | Dispositions  | Trials       | Per-<br>centages | Court<br>Trials | Per-<br>centages | Jury<br>Trials | Per-<br>centages |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>2,454</b>  | <b>689</b>   | <b>28.1</b>      | <b>493</b>      | <b>20.1</b>      | <b>196</b>     | <b>8.0</b>       |
| Dorchester             | 399           | 115          | 28.8             | 80              | 20.0             | 35             | 8.8              |
| Somerset               | 182           | 42           | 23.1             | 21              | 11.5             | 21             | 11.5             |
| Wicomico               | 1,119         | 206          | 18.4             | 112             | 10.0             | 94             | 8.4              |
| Worcester              | 754           | 326          | 43.2             | 280             | 37.1             | 46             | 6.1              |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>1,595</b>  | <b>224</b>   | <b>14.0</b>      | <b>90</b>       | <b>5.6</b>       | <b>134</b>     | <b>8.4</b>       |
| Caroline               | 280           | 40           | 14.3             | 10              | 3.6              | 30             | 10.7             |
| Cecil                  | 617           | 112          | 18.1             | 52              | 8.4              | 60             | 9.7              |
| Kent                   | 158           | 3            | 1.9              | 0               | 0.0              | 3              | 1.9              |
| Queen Anne's           | 304           | 22           | 7.2              | 10              | 3.3              | 12             | 3.9              |
| Talbot                 | 236           | 47           | 19.9             | 18              | 7.6              | 29             | 12.3             |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>9,200</b>  | <b>413</b>   | <b>4.5</b>       | <b>284</b>      | <b>3.1</b>       | <b>129</b>     | <b>1.4</b>       |
| Baltimore              | 7,301         | 313          | 4.3              | 217             | 3.0              | 96             | 1.3              |
| Harford                | 1,899         | 100          | 5.3              | 67              | 3.5              | 33             | 1.7              |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>1,574</b>  | <b>183</b>   | <b>11.6</b>      | <b>56</b>       | <b>3.5</b>       | <b>127</b>     | <b>8.1</b>       |
| Allegany               | 444           | 47           | 10.6             | 17              | 3.8              | 30             | 6.8              |
| Garrett                | 75            | 4            | 5.3              | 2               | 2.7              | 2              | 2.7              |
| Washington             | 1,055         | 132          | 12.5             | 37              | 3.5              | 95             | 9.0              |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>5,985</b>  | <b>662</b>   | <b>11.0</b>      | <b>534</b>      | <b>8.9</b>       | <b>128</b>     | <b>2.1</b>       |
| Anne Arundel           | 2,798         | 450          | 16.1             | 367             | 13.1             | 83             | 3.0              |
| Carroll                | 1,231         | 119          | 9.7              | 98              | 8.0              | 21             | 1.7              |
| Howard                 | 1,956         | 93           | 4.7              | 69              | 3.5              | 24             | 1.2              |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>7,277</b>  | <b>647</b>   | <b>8.9</b>       | <b>202</b>      | <b>2.8</b>       | <b>445</b>     | <b>6.1</b>       |
| Frederick              | 788           | 41           | 5.2              | 13              | 1.6              | 28             | 3.6              |
| Montgomery             | 6,489         | 606          | 9.3              | 189             | 2.9              | 417            | 6.4              |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>9,301</b>  | <b>335</b>   | <b>3.6</b>       | <b>32</b>       | <b>0.3</b>       | <b>303</b>     | <b>3.3</b>       |
| Calvert                | 368           | 29           | 7.9              | 17              | 4.6              | 12             | 3.3              |
| Charles                | 885           | 35           | 4.0              | 6               | 0.7              | 29             | 3.3              |
| Prince George's        | 7,029         | 257          | 3.6              | 8               | 0.1              | 249            | 3.5              |
| St. Mary's             | 1,019         | 14           | 1.4              | 1               | 0.1              | 13             | 1.3              |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>14,653</b> | <b>1,167</b> | <b>8.0</b>       | <b>765</b>      | <b>5.3</b>       | <b>402</b>     | <b>2.7</b>       |
| Baltimore City         | 14,653        | 1,167        | 8.0              | 765             | 5.3              | 402            | 2.7              |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>52,039</b> | <b>4,320</b> | <b>8.3</b>       | <b>2,456</b>    | <b>4.7</b>       | <b>1,864</b>   | <b>3.6</b>       |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-10.

**TABLE CC-26**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**CRIMINAL CASES TRIED**  
**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                        | 1983-84      | 1984-85      | 1985-86      | 1986-87      | 1987-88      |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>599</b>   | <b>606</b>   | <b>598</b>   | <b>805</b>   | <b>689</b>   |
| Dorchester             | 156          | 153          | 110          | 93           | 115          |
| Somerset               | 57           | 60           | 46           | 54           | 42           |
| Wicomico               | 163          | 173          | 186          | 187          | 206          |
| Worcester              | 223          | 220          | 256          | 471          | 326          |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>378</b>   | <b>275</b>   | <b>239</b>   | <b>363</b>   | <b>224</b>   |
| Caroline               | 79           | 28           | 23           | 59           | 40           |
| Cecil                  | 86           | 87           | 109          | 125          | 112          |
| Kent                   | 12           | 1            | 5            | 9            | 3            |
| Queen Anne's           | 110          | 99           | 52           | 3            | 22           |
| Talbot                 | 91           | 60           | 50           | 167          | 47           |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>2,828</b> | <b>278</b>   | <b>291</b>   | <b>404</b>   | <b>413</b>   |
| Baltimore              | 2,698        | 175          | 188          | 340          | 313          |
| Harford                | 130          | 103          | 103          | 64           | 100          |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>172</b>   | <b>185</b>   | <b>164</b>   | <b>179</b>   | <b>183</b>   |
| Allegany               | 77           | 75           | 64           | 50           | 47           |
| Garrett                | 21           | 11           | 22           | 17           | 4            |
| Washington             | 74           | 99           | 78           | 112          | 132          |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>1,512</b> | <b>1,227</b> | <b>813</b>   | <b>659</b>   | <b>662</b>   |
| Anne Arundel           | 514          | 468          | 422          | 490          | 450          |
| Carroll                | 361          | 112          | 96           | 66           | 119          |
| Howard                 | 637          | 647          | 295          | 103          | 93           |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>348</b>   | <b>517</b>   | <b>457</b>   | <b>503</b>   | <b>647</b>   |
| Frederick              | 82           | 232          | 169          | 44           | 41           |
| Montgomery             | 266          | 285          | 288          | 459          | 606          |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>299</b>   | <b>253</b>   | <b>263</b>   | <b>268</b>   | <b>335</b>   |
| Calvert                | 25           | 30           | 32           | 24           | 29           |
| Charles                | 36           | 41           | 53           | 56           | 35           |
| Prince George's        | 221          | 161          | 168          | 178          | 257          |
| St. Mary's             | 17           | 21           | 10           | 10           | 14           |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>1,159</b> | <b>1,126</b> | <b>791</b>   | <b>763</b>   | <b>1,167</b> |
| Baltimore City         | 1,159        | 1,126        | 791          | 763          | 1,167        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>7,295</b> | <b>4,467</b> | <b>3,616</b> | <b>3,944</b> | <b>4,320</b> |

NOTE: See note on Table CC-10.

TABLE CC-27

**CRIMINAL—AVERAGE DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION BY AGE OF CASES  
AND CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGES OF DISPOSITIONS WITHIN  
SPECIFIC TIME PERIODS**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988**

|                        | Number<br>of<br>Cases | AVERAGE IN DAYS<br>FILING TO DISPOSITION |                                     | CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL<br>CASES DISPOSED OF LESS THAN: |             |             |             |             |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                        |                       | All<br>Cases                             | Excluding<br>Cases Over<br>360 Days | 61<br>Days   | 91<br>Days  | 121<br>Days | 181<br>Days | 361<br>Days |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |
| Dorchester             | 350                   | 99                                       | 98                                  | 11.4   | 54.9        | 77.7        | 92.6        | 99.7        |
| Somerset               | 179                   | 159                                      | 132                                 | 13.4   | 20.1        | 40.8        | 82.7        | 97.2        |
| Wicomico               | 914                   | 94                                       | 94                                  | 19.5   | 52.3        | 77.2        | 95.2        | 100.0       |
| Worcester              | 685                   | 130                                      | 124                                 | 7.0  | 18.8        | 55.9        | 86.6        | 98.4        |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |
| Caroline               | 247                   | 176                                      | 170                                 | 2.4  | 7.3         | 19.4        | 61.1        | 97.6        |
| Cecil                  | 523                   | 183                                      | 150                                 | 6.7  | 13.0        | 31.7        | 70.0        | 97.3        |
| Kent                   | 124                   | 232                                      | 113                                 | 14.5   | 29.8        | 56.5        | 86.3        | 94.4        |
| Queen Anne's           | 203                   | 156                                      | 134                                 | 9.4  | 22.7        | 41.4        | 76.8        | 99.0        |
| Talbot                 | 216                   | 189                                      | 174                                 | 5.6  | 12.0        | 19.4        | 54.6        | 94.4        |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |
| Baltimore              | 5,700                 | 158                                      | 105                                 | 23.1   | 44.6        | 66.1        | 83.2        | 93.7        |
| Harford                | 1,294                 | 209                                      | 147                                 | 8.1  | 25.7        | 41.3        | 60.7        | 87.2        |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |
| Allegany               | 394                   | 195                                      | 173                                 | 5.6  | 15.5        | 28.7        | 52.3        | 91.6        |
| Garrett                | 63                    | 116                                      | 107                                 | 28.6   | 39.7        | 57.1        | 85.7        | 98.4        |
| Washington             | 903                   | 139                                      | 129                                 | 13.0   | 32.8        | 55.8        | 75.5        | 97.2        |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |
| Anne Arundel           | 2,414                 | 178                                      | 150                                 | 7.2  | 18.1        | 35.7        | 64.4        | 93.0        |
| Carroll                | 1,013                 | 240                                      | 199                                 | 3.1  | 7.4         | 12.6        | 37.1        | 91.7        |
| Howard                 | 1,422                 | 190                                      | 138                                 | 5.1  | 29.5        | 47.9        | 67.9        | 91.5        |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |
| Frederick              | 744                   | 191                                      | 155                                 | 9.5  | 23.3        | 33.5        | 60.1        | 94.2        |
| Montgomery             | 5,245                 | 234                                      | 175                                 | 13.5   | 18.3        | 24.2        | 45.1        | 84.0        |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |
| Calvert                | 261                   | 104                                      | 98                                  | 23.4   | 49.0        | 64.4        | 93.1        | 99.2        |
| Charles                | 545                   | 152                                      | 146                                 | 7.3  | 20.0        | 34.9        | 74.9        | 99.1        |
| Prince George's        | 6,302                 | 127                                      | 114                                 | 23.8   | 44.8        | 58.3        | 77.9        | 96.5        |
| St. Mary's             | 760                   | 233                                      | 149                                 | 11.6   | 18.0        | 27.9        | 71.4        | 97.2        |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |
| Baltimore City         | 14,653                | 109                                      | 90                                  | 41.9   | 56.0        | 71.2        | 84.7        | 96.3        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>45,154</b>         | <b>152</b>                               | <b>120</b>                          | <b>24.0</b>  | <b>39.3</b> | <b>54.6</b> | <b>74.3</b> | <b>94.0</b> |

NOTE: Does not include reopened cases. In some counties the number of terminated cases may differ slightly and will be lower than figures appearing on other tables in this report. See also note to Table CC-13.

**TABLE CC-28**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**JUVENILE CAUSES**  
**FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**  
**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                        | COMBINED ORIGINAL AND REOPENED CASES FILED AND TERMINATED |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                        | 1983-84   |               | 1984-85       |               | 1985-86       |               | 1986-87       |               | 1987-88       |               |
|                        | F   | T             | F             | T             | F             | T             | F             | T             | F             | T             |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>468</b>  | <b>493</b>    | <b>528</b>    | <b>470</b>    | <b>613</b>    | <b>575</b>    | <b>622</b>    | <b>608</b>    | <b>576</b>    | <b>572</b>    |
| Dorchester             | 149   | 153           | 149           | 141           | 136           | 135           | 157           | 146           | 96            | 98            |
| Somerset               | 42  | 40            | 42            | 39            | 63            | 51            | 93            | 86            | 87            | 84            |
| Wicomico               | 141   | 163           | 188           | 171           | 218           | 227           | 196           | 187           | 183           | 187           |
| Worcester              | 136   | 137           | 149           | 119           | 196           | 162           | 176           | 189           | 210           | 203           |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>631</b>  | <b>628</b>    | <b>691</b>    | <b>672</b>    | <b>683</b>    | <b>644</b>    | <b>774</b>    | <b>757</b>    | <b>708</b>    | <b>684</b>    |
| Caroline               | 65  | 68            | 82            | 76            | 101           | 91            | 79            | 79            | 88            | 101           |
| Cecil                  | 377   | 364           | 354           | 362           | 319           | 302           | 341           | 346           | 302           | 270           |
| Kent                   | 30  | 25            | 48            | 48            | 45            | 42            | 48            | 45            | 47            | 42            |
| Queen Anne's           | 73  | 74            | 103           | 103           | 106           | 103           | 127           | 116           | 114           | 117           |
| Talbot                 | 86  | 97            | 104           | 83            | 112           | 106           | 179           | 171           | 157           | 154           |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>3,225</b>  | <b>3,191</b>  | <b>3,840</b>  | <b>3,674</b>  | <b>4,463</b>  | <b>4,558</b>  | <b>4,672</b>  | <b>4,499</b>  | <b>4,246</b>  | <b>4,361</b>  |
| Baltimore              | 2,634   | 2,681         | 3,177         | 3,076         | 3,719         | 3,861         | 3,975         | 3,864         | 3,425         | 3,372         |
| Harford                | 591   | 510           | 663           | 598           | 744           | 697           | 697           | 635           | 821           | 989           |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>1,029</b>  | <b>1,013</b>  | <b>1,087</b>  | <b>1,073</b>  | <b>1,231</b>  | <b>1,162</b>  | <b>999</b>    | <b>1,010</b>  | <b>1,051</b>  | <b>1,034</b>  |
| Allegany               | 371   | 349           | 406           | 413           | 439           | 403           | 266           | 295           | 295           | 286           |
| Garrett                | 104   | 113           | 95            | 95            | 90            | 87            | 101           | 89            | 146           | 155           |
| Washington             | 554   | 551           | 586           | 565           | 702           | 672           | 632           | 626           | 610           | 593           |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>4,134</b>  | <b>3,858</b>  | <b>4,159</b>  | <b>4,286</b>  | <b>4,718</b>  | <b>4,369</b>  | <b>4,703</b>  | <b>4,623</b>  | <b>4,191</b>  | <b>4,063</b>  |
| Anne Arundel           | 3,107   | 2,805         | 3,043         | 3,155         | 3,468         | 3,246         | 3,508         | 3,458         | 3,036         | 2,936         |
| Carroll                | 571   | 579           | 625           | 589           | 558           | 492           | 638           | 619           | 610           | 661           |
| Howard                 | 456   | 474           | 491           | 542           | 692           | 631           | 557           | 546           | 545           | 466           |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   | <b>4,391</b>  | <b>3,979</b>  | <b>4,169</b>  | <b>3,954</b>  | <b>4,074</b>  | <b>4,148</b>  | <b>4,074</b>  | <b>3,637</b>  | <b>2,976</b>  | <b>2,551</b>  |
| Frederick              | 260   | 258           | 348           | 326           | 385           | 372           | 328           | 330           | 332           | 323           |
| Montgomery*            | 4,131   | 3,721         | 3,821         | 3,628         | 3,689         | 3,776         | 3,746         | 3,307         | 2,644         | 2,228         |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> | <b>6,436</b>  | <b>6,133</b>  | <b>6,384</b>  | <b>6,550</b>  | <b>7,362</b>  | <b>7,198</b>  | <b>7,472</b>  | <b>7,362</b>  | <b>7,897</b>  | <b>7,418</b>  |
| Calvert                | 272   | 273           | 327           | 308           | 320           | 338           | 306           | 254           | 314           | 316           |
| Charles                | 747   | 657           | 722           | 764           | 818           | 799           | 772           | 777           | 716           | 712           |
| Prince George's        | 5,270   | 5,074         | 5,163         | 5,333         | 6,095         | 5,894         | 6,149         | 6,114         | 6,549         | 6,156         |
| St. Mary's             | 147   | 129           | 172           | 145           | 129           | 167           | 245           | 217           | 318           | 234           |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  | <b>10,443</b>   | <b>7,942</b>  | <b>10,350</b> | <b>9,379</b>  | <b>11,379</b> | <b>10,245</b> | <b>12,869</b> | <b>12,368</b> | <b>13,805</b> | <b>12,909</b> |
| Baltimore City         | 10,443  | 7,942         | 10,350        | 9,379         | 11,379        | 10,245        | 12,869        | 12,368        | 13,805        | 12,909        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>30,757</b>   | <b>27,237</b> | <b>31,208</b> | <b>30,058</b> | <b>34,523</b> | <b>32,899</b> | <b>36,185</b> | <b>34,864</b> | <b>35,450</b> | <b>33,592</b> |

\*Includes juvenile causes processed at the District Court level.

TABLE CC-29

**JUVENILE—AVERAGE DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION BY AGE OF CASES  
AND CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGES OF DISPOSITIONS WITHIN  
SPECIFIC TIME PERIODS**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988**

|                        | Number<br>of<br>Cases | AVERAGE IN DAYS<br>FILING TO DISPOSITION |                                     | CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL<br>CASES DISPOSED OF LESS THAN: |             |             |             |             |             |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                        |                       | All<br>Cases                             | Excluding<br>Cases Over<br>271 Days | 31<br>Days   | 61<br>Days  | 121<br>Days | 181<br>Days | 271<br>Days | 361<br>Days |
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Dorchester             | 69                    | 31                                       | 31                                  | 73.9   | 89.9        | 97.1        | 100.0       | 100.0       | 100.0       |
| Somerset               | 57                    | 17                                       | 12                                  | 96.5   | 98.2        | 98.2        | 98.2        | 98.2        | 100.0       |
| Wicomico               | 114                   | 39                                       | 37                                  | 49.1   | 85.1        | 96.5        | 98.2        | 99.1        | 100.0       |
| Worcester              | 165                   | 76                                       | 56                                  | 17.6   | 70.9        | 88.5        | 93.3        | 95.2        | 95.8        |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Caroline               | 58                    | 82                                       | 72                                  | 25.9   | 50.0        | 72.4        | 91.4        | 96.6        | 98.3        |
| Cecil                  | 264                   | 61                                       | 56                                  | 27.3   | 68.2        | 92.0        | 94.3        | 98.1        | 99.6        |
| Kent                   | 24                    | 57                                       | 43                                  | 45.8   | 75.0        | 91.7        | 95.8        | 95.8        | 95.8        |
| Queen Anne's           | 74                    | 55                                       | 51                                  | 36.5   | 68.9        | 94.6        | 97.3        | 98.6        | 98.6        |
| Talbot                 | 84                    | 65                                       | 57                                  | 27.4   | 70.2        | 90.5        | 91.7        | 97.6        | 97.6        |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Baltimore              | 2,082                 | 143                                      | 46                                  | 30.8   | 73.2        | 91.1        | 94.5        | 96.3        | 97.9        |
| Harford                | 480                   | 60                                       | 38                                  | 22.7   | 59.8        | 94.2        | 96.7        | 98.3        | 99.4        |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Allegany               | 263                   | 65                                       | 57                                  | 47.1   | 68.8        | 84.0        | 91.6        | 97.7        | 98.1        |
| Garrett                | 116                   | 50                                       | 50                                  | 42.2   | 80.2        | 92.2        | 95.7        | 100.0       | 100.0       |
| Washington             | 335                   | 41                                       | 40                                  | 49.0   | 79.4        | 98.2        | 99.4        | 99.7        | 99.7        |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Anne Arundel           | 1,323                 | 92                                       | 84                                  | 8.5  | 31.7        | 80.2        | 93.1        | 97.2        | 98.5        |
| Carroll                | 343                   | 92                                       | 78                                  | 11.1   | 38.2        | 79.9        | 90.7        | 95.3        | 97.4        |
| Howard                 | 382                   | 79                                       | 65                                  | 16.2   | 56.8        | 86.6        | 92.1        | 96.1        | 96.9        |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Frederick              | 184                   | 86                                       | 78                                  | 32.1   | 43.5        | 78.3        | 89.1        | 97.3        | 99.5        |
| Montgomery             | 1,322                 | 145                                      | 108                                 | 12.6   | 24.6        | 52.9        | 73.3        | 88.6        | 94.4        |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Calvert                | 265                   | 111                                      | 94                                  | 5.3  | 18.9        | 75.1        | 86.8        | 95.1        | 96.6        |
| Charles                | 387                   | 76                                       | 68                                  | 9.0  | 40.3        | 93.5        | 97.9        | 98.7        | 99.2        |
| Prince George's        | 3,131                 | 76                                       | 72                                  | 17.1   | 42.0        | 88.1        | 96.6        | 99.0        | 99.5        |
| St. Mary's             | 159                   | 98                                       | 94                                  | 4.4  | 16.4        | 79.9        | 94.3        | 99.4        | 99.4        |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                       |  |                                     |  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Baltimore City         | 11,099                | 102                                      | 65                                  | 28.9   | 55.5        | 83.1        | 90.8        | 95.2        | 96.8        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>22,780</b>         | <b>111</b>                               | <b>67</b>                           | <b>24.9</b>  | <b>52.2</b> | <b>83.5</b> | <b>91.6</b> | <b>95.9</b> | <b>97.5</b> |

NOTE: Does not include reopened cases. In some counties the number of terminated cases may differ slightly and will be lower than figures appearing on other tables in this report. See also note to Table CC-13.

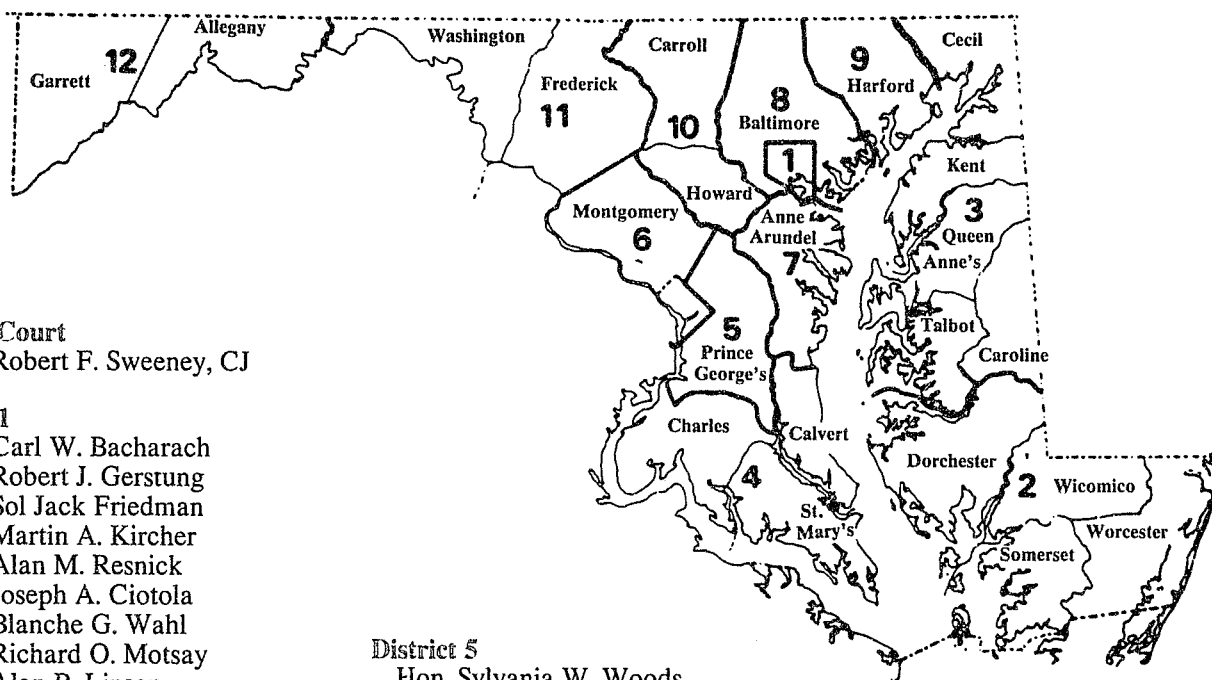
**TABLE CC-30**  
**DELINQUENCY TERMINATIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION**  
**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                        | Jurisdiction Waived | Dismissed    | Stet         | Probation    | Social Services | Juvenile Services | Hospital Facility | Institutional | Transferred In | Transferred Out | Continued  | Other        | TOTAL         |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>   |                     |              |              |              |                 |                   |                   |               |                |                 |            |              |               |
| Dorchester             | 10                  | 8            | 0            | 19           | 0               | 4                 | 2                 | 5             | 0              | 2               | 3          | 7            | 60            |
| Somerset               | 3                   | 0            | 0            | 33           | 2               | 3                 | 0                 | 4             | 0              | 2               | 6          | 10           | 63            |
| Wicomico               | 7                   | 7            | 0            | 43           | 3               | 1                 | 1                 | 31            | 4              | 2               | 0          | 26           | 125           |
| Worcester              | 14                  | 52           | 0            | 42           | 1               | 7                 | 2                 | 2             | 3              | 3               | 10         | 36           | 172           |
| <b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>  |                     |              |              |              |                 |                   |                   |               |                |                 |            |              |               |
| Caroline               | 3                   | 8            | 17           | 22           | 0               | 4                 | 0                 | 11            | 2              | 0               | 0          | 4            | 71            |
| Cecil                  | 16                  | 86           | 0            | 48           | 0               | 5                 | 1                 | 26            | 0              | 0               | 1          | 4            | 187           |
| Kent                   | 6                   | 1            | 0            | 1            | 1               | 13                | 0                 | 3             | 0              | 1               | 0          | 5            | 31            |
| Queen Anne's           | 0                   | 9            | 6            | 20           | 2               | 17                | 1                 | 2             | 2              | 1               | 0          | 22           | 82            |
| Talbot                 | 1                   | 7            | 1            | 53           | 2               | 10                | 0                 | 0             | 0              | 9               | 0          | 18           | 101           |
| <b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>   |                     |              |              |              |                 |                   |                   |               |                |                 |            |              |               |
| Baltimore              | 112                 | 419          | 329          | 575          | 15              | 104               | 14                | 48            | 57             | 71              | 0          | 941          | 2,685         |
| Harford                | 7                   | 67           | 0            | 195          | 28              | 20                | 1                 | 49            | 12             | 15              | 31         | 211          | 636           |
| <b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                     |              |              |              |                 |                   |                   |               |                |                 |            |              |               |
| Allegany               | 0                   | 15           | 1            | 115          | 1               | 12                | 0                 | 0             | 0              | 4               | 0          | 21           | 169           |
| Garrett                | 8                   | 8            | 0            | 36           | 1               | 2                 | 6                 | 7             | 0              | 0               | 0          | 8            | 76            |
| Washington             | 13                  | 25           | 3            | 200          | 14              | 44                | 25                | 50            | 1              | 4               | 0          | 48           | 427           |
| <b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                     |              |              |              |                 |                   |                   |               |                |                 |            |              |               |
| Anne Arundel           | 19                  | 364          | 40           | 643          | 41              | 123               | 14                | 123           | 37             | 65              | 383        | 367          | 2,219         |
| Carroll                | 2                   | 119          | 61           | 157          | 11              | 38                | 0                 | 4             | 2              | 23              | 0          | 64           | 481           |
| Howard                 | 9                   | 108          | 117          | 123          | 11              | 20                | 1                 | 5             | 3              | 7               | 0          | 6            | 410           |
| <b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>   |                     |              |              |              |                 |                   |                   |               |                |                 |            |              |               |
| Frederick              | 4                   | 37           | 0            | 101          | 9               | 46                | 0                 | 0             | 5              | 9               | 0          | 35           | 246           |
| Montgomery*            | 10                  | 703          | 0            | 218          | 32              | 70                | 1                 | 20            | 2              | 16              | 18         | 393          | 1,483         |
| <b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b> |                     |              |              |              |                 |                   |                   |               |                |                 |            |              |               |
| Calvert                | 0                   | 45           | 26           | 140          | 4               | 8                 | 0                 | 0             | 0              | 7               | 0          | 17           | 247           |
| Charles                | 4                   | 56           | 16           | 219          | 4               | 56                | 5                 | 47            | 9              | 7               | 0          | 174          | 597           |
| Prince George's        | 54                  | 678          | 742          | 1,188        | 44              | 159               | 1                 | 242           | 81             | 14              | 0          | 1,039        | 4,242         |
| St. Mary's             | 0                   | 0            | 0            | 23           | 1               | 5                 | 0                 | 0             | 0              | 0               | 0          | 170          | 199           |
| <b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>  |                     |              |              |              |                 |                   |                   |               |                |                 |            |              |               |
| Baltimore City         | 520                 | 4,984        | 0            | 2,757        | 10              | 6                 | 0                 | 10            | 0              | 0               | 0          | 1,866        | 10,153        |
| <b>STATE</b>           | <b>822</b>          | <b>7,806</b> | <b>1,359</b> | <b>6,971</b> | <b>237</b>      | <b>777</b>        | <b>75</b>         | <b>689</b>    | <b>220</b>     | <b>262</b>      | <b>452</b> | <b>5,492</b> | <b>25,162</b> |

\*Juvenile causes for Montgomery County are handled by the District Court.



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as of September 1, 1988**



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## The District Court

The District Court of Maryland was created as the result of the ratification in 1970 of a constitutional amendment proposed by the legislature in 1969.

The District Court began operating on July 5, 1971, replacing a miscellaneous system of trial magistrates, people's and municipal courts. It is a court of record, is entirely State funded, and has statewide jurisdiction. District Court judges are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. They do not stand for election. The first Chief Judge was designated by the Governor, but all subsequent chief judges are subject to appointment by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. The District Court is divided into twelve geographical districts, each containing one or more political subdivisions, with at least one judge in each subdivision.

As of July 1, 1987, there were 91 District Court judgeships, including the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge is the administrative head of the Court and appoints administrative judges for each of the twelve districts, subject to the approval of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. A chief clerk of the Court is appointed by the Chief Judge. Administrative clerks for each district are also appointed as are commissioners who perform such duties as issuing arrest warrants and setting bail or collateral.

The District Court has jurisdiction in both the criminal, including motor vehicle, and civil areas. It has little equity jurisdiction and has jurisdiction over juvenile causes only in Montgomery County. The exclusive jurisdiction of the District Court generally includes all landlord/tenant cases; replevin actions; motor vehicle violations; criminal cases if the penalty is less than three years imprisonment or does not exceed a fine of \$2,500, or both; and civil cases involving amounts not exceeding \$2,500. It has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts in civil cases over \$2,500 to, but not exceeding, \$10,000; and concurrent jurisdiction in misdemeanors and certain enumerated felonies. Since there are no juries provided in the District Court, a person entitled to and electing a jury trial must proceed to the circuit court.

### Motor Vehicle

There were 1,061,768 motor vehicle cases received by the District Court during Fiscal Year 1988. That figure represents an increase of 16.2 percent over Fiscal Year 1987. The increase in motor vehicle cases can be partly attributed to the 15 percent increase in driving while intoxicated cases which increased from 36,832 in Fiscal Year 1987 to 42,367 in Fiscal Year 1988 (Table DC-9). The four largest jurisdictions contributed the greatest number of motor vehicle cases with 553,912

(52.2 percent). Montgomery County contributed the greatest number with 159,867 followed by Baltimore County with 157,527 cases. Prince George's County and Anne Arundel County contributed 147,031 and 89,487 cases, respectively. Baltimore City contributed 104,890 motor vehicle cases. Following the increase in filings, motor vehicle dispositions also increased, by 11.9 percent. There were 837,370 cases processed in Fiscal 1987 compared to 937,502 in Fiscal 1988. Motor vehicle processed cases included 279,699 cases that were tried, 597,235 paid cases, and 60,568 "other" dispositions which included jury trial prayers, nolle prosequi, and stet cases (Table DC-2).

### Criminal

The District Court of Maryland received 156,219 criminal filings during Fiscal Year 1988, an increase of 4.7 percent over the 149,157 criminal filings reported for Fiscal Year 1987. Baltimore City contributed the greatest number of filings with 51,894 (33.2 percent). The four largest jurisdictions reported a total of 67,826 criminal filings or 43.4 percent of the criminal cases received. The increase in criminal dispositions was only a slight 0.6 percent, from 143,176 in Fiscal 1987 to 144,060 in Fiscal 1988 (Table DC-7). Of the 144,060 criminal cases processed in Fiscal Year 1988, 52,507 were tried while 91,553 were untried. Baltimore City processed the greatest number of criminal cases with 51,414 or 35.7 percent. The four largest counties accounted for 40 percent of the criminal dispositions with the highest activity in Baltimore County (18,296) followed by Prince George's County with 18,056 cases processed (Table DC-2).

### Civil

During Fiscal Year 1988, there were 672,384 civil cases filed in the District Court, an increase of 9.7 percent over the 612,700 filed in Fiscal 1987 (Table DC-8). Landlord/tenant filings accounted for 72.7 percent (488,531) of all civil filings reported for Fiscal 1988. Contract and tort cases accounted for 23 percent (154,776) of the civil filings, while the remaining 29,077 cases (4.3 percent) were categorized as "other" which included attachments before judgment, confessed judgments, and replevin actions. Of the filings reported, only 10.3 percent (69,497) were contested (Table DC-2).

There were also 19,369 special proceedings received during Fiscal 1988 among which were 2,379 emergency hearings, 4,661 domestic abuse cases, and 263 child abuse cases (Table DC-10).

## Trends

The District Court reported the highest number of overall cases during its seventeen-year history, thus continuing its trend of an ever-increasing workload. There were 1,753,946 total cases filed or processed during Fiscal Year 1988 compared to 1,593,246 in Fiscal Year 1987, an increase of 10.1 percent. For the fourth consecutive year, increases were reported in all three categories.

Motor vehicle dispositions have increased steadily over the past four years to its present level of 937,502. Contested motor vehicle cases have remained relatively consistent throughout the past few years with over 26 percent of motor vehicle cases being contested from year to year. Montgomery County reported the highest number of processed motor vehicle cases while Baltimore County reported the highest number of contested cases for the fifth consecutive year. Over 44 percent (67,259 out of 150,071) of the cases processed in Baltimore County were tried while 26.8 percent (42,168 out of 157,619) of the cases processed in Montgomery County were tried (Table DC-2). The increase in motor vehicle cases can be partly attributed to the ever-increasing number of DWI cases filed in the District Court from year to year. Driving while intoxicated cases have increased steadily over the past five years to its current level of 42,367 (Table DC-9).

Criminal filings and dispositions have also increased steadily over the years. There was an increase of 4.7 percent in criminal filings, from 149,157 in Fiscal 1987 to 156,219 in Fiscal 1988. The increase

in dispositions was not as significant, increasing by only 0.6 percent over the previous fiscal year (Table DC-7). Prince George's County and Baltimore City reported decreases in dispositions in their jurisdictions of 7.6 percent and 2.3 percent, respectively. Although Baltimore City reported a decrease in criminal dispositions, it still continues to process the greatest number with 51,414 or 35.7 percent followed by Baltimore County and Prince George's County with 12.7 percent and 12.5 percent of the total respective dispositions.

Civil case filings have also continued to increase steadily from year to year, with an average annual increase of 5.2 percent. The greatest increase in the past five years was reported in Fiscal Year 1988 with a 9.7 percent increase, from 612,700 in Fiscal 1987 to the current level of 672,384 civil case filings. Landlord and tenant filings continue to constitute the majority of civil filings each year. During Fiscal 1988, there were 488,531 landlord/tenant filings, representing over 72 percent of all civil filings. Baltimore City and Prince George's County contributed the greatest number of landlord/tenant filings as well as overall civil filings. There were 237,517 total civil filings reported in Baltimore City during Fiscal 1988 of which 195,711 or 82.4 percent were landlord/tenant. Prince George's County reported 153,083 civil filings with 116,787 (76.3 percent) being categorized as landlord/tenant. Also increasing steadily are contested cases. During Fiscal 1988, 69,497 or 10.3 percent of all civil cases were contested compared to 48,316 or 7.9 percent in Fiscal 1987.

**TABLE DC-1**  
**DISTRICT COURT — CASELOAD BY FISCAL YEAR**

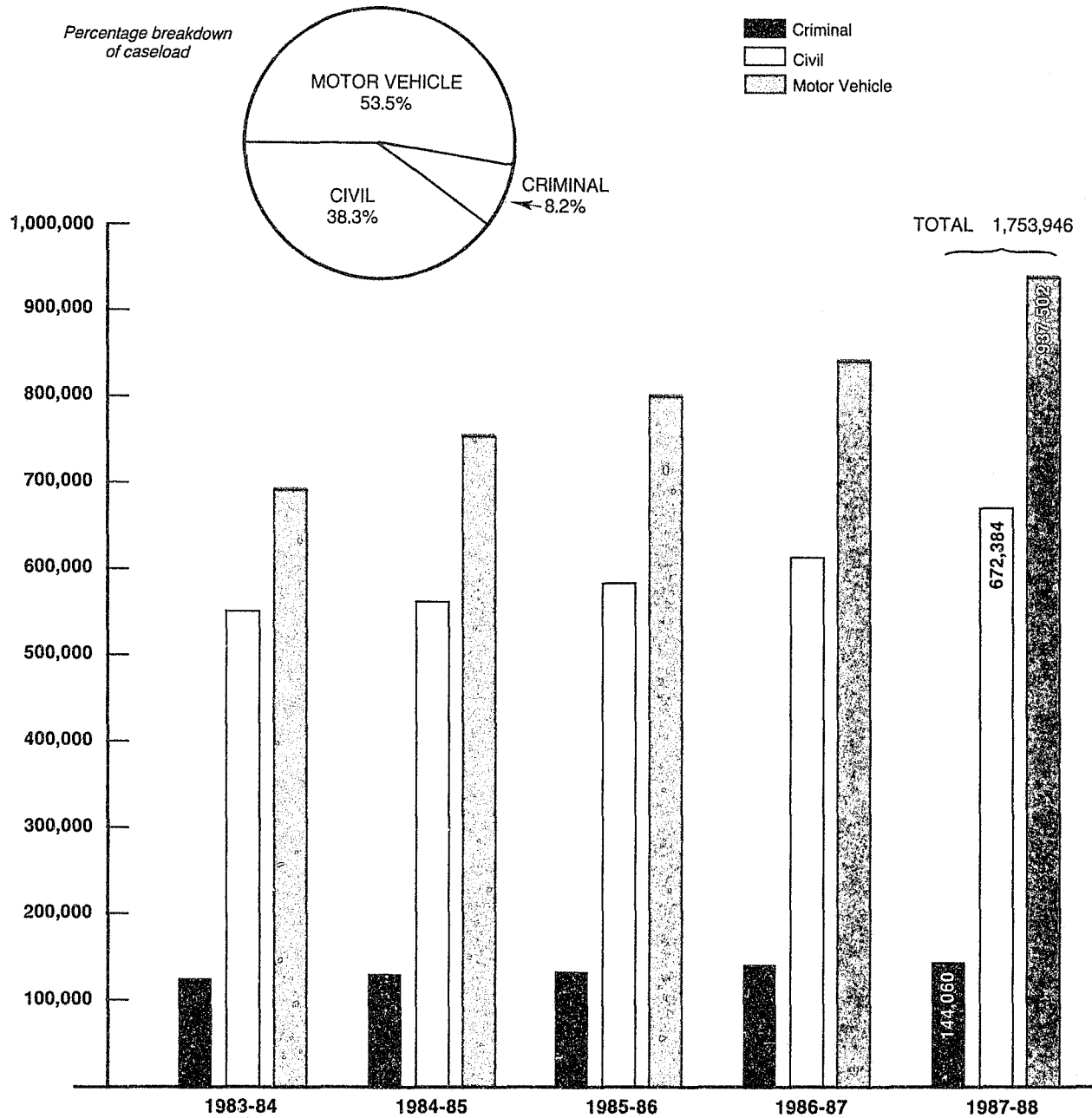


TABLE DC-2

## MOTOR VEHICLE AND CRIMINAL CASES PROCESSED AND CIVIL CASES FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988  
FISCAL 1988

|   | MOTOR VEHICLE CASES PROCESSED<br>BY DISTRICT COURT   |   |  |  |  | CRIMINAL CASES<br>PROCESSED BY<br>DISTRICT COURT | CIVIL CASES FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT  |                                    |  |                                    |  |  |                                     |  | TOTAL<br>FILED OR<br>PROCESSED |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
|   | Cases<br>Received                                    | Cases<br>Tried                                    | Cases<br>Paid  | Other<br>Dispo-<br>sitions                 | Total<br>Cases<br>Processed                          |  | No. of Cases                             | Landlord and<br>Tenant             |  | Contract and<br>Tort               |  | Other<br>Com-<br>plaints<br>Filed                  | Total                               |  |                                |
|   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | Filed                              | Con-<br>tested                                   | Filed                              | Con-<br>tested                           |  | Filed                               | Con-<br>tested   |                                |
| DISTRICT 1<br>Baltimore City                                      | 104,890<br>104,890                                   | 39,442<br>39,442                                  | 41,494<br>41,494                                     | 4,766<br>4,766                             | 85,702<br>85,702                                     | 51,414<br>51,414                                 | 195,711<br>195,711                       | 37,240<br>37,240                   | 35,384<br>35,384                                 | 3,142<br>3,142                     | 6,422<br>6,422                           | 237,517<br>237,517                                 | 40,382<br>40,382                    | 374,633<br>374,633                                     |                                |
| DISTRICT 2<br>Dorchester<br>Somerset<br>Wicomico<br>Worcester     | 71,312<br>12,662<br>9,138<br>23,817<br>25,695        | 8,856<br>2,420<br>773<br>2,108<br>3,555           | 50,422<br>8,788<br>6,670<br>17,655<br>17,309         | 3,406<br>359<br>232<br>967<br>1,848        | 62,684<br>11,567<br>7,675<br>20,730<br>22,712        | 7,396<br>1,347<br>620<br>2,474<br>2,955          | 7,008<br>759<br>205<br>5,538<br>506      | 971<br>32<br>54<br>788<br>97       | 6,895<br>1,353<br>672<br>2,942<br>1,928          | 670<br>113<br>57<br>269<br>231     | 989<br>184<br>124<br>410<br>271          | 14,892<br>2,296<br>1,001<br>8,890<br>2,705         | 1,641<br>145<br>111<br>1,057<br>328 | 84,972<br>15,210<br>9,296<br>32,094<br>28,372          |                                |
| DISTRICT 3<br>Caroline<br>Cecil<br>Kent<br>Queen Anne's<br>Talbot | 65,437<br>7,147<br>36,349<br>3,115<br>9,674<br>9,152 | 10,214<br>1,151<br>4,770<br>604<br>1,770<br>1,919 | 45,393<br>4,894<br>25,382<br>2,136<br>6,765<br>6,216 | 2,735<br>424<br>1,282<br>157<br>523<br>349 | 58,342<br>6,469<br>31,434<br>2,897<br>9,058<br>8,484 | 5,502<br>894<br>2,482<br>573<br>566<br>987       | 1,616<br>297<br>690<br>138<br>163<br>328 | 367<br>46<br>206<br>40<br>31<br>44 | 6,255<br>917<br>2,153<br>1,073<br>1,053<br>1,059 | 384<br>44<br>156<br>32<br>53<br>99 | 1,139<br>157<br>391<br>284<br>191<br>116 | 9,010<br>1,371<br>3,234<br>1,495<br>1,407<br>1,503 | 751<br>90<br>362<br>72<br>84<br>143 | 72,854<br>8,734<br>37,150<br>4,965<br>11,031<br>10,974 |                                |
| DISTRICT 4<br>Calvert<br>Charles<br>St. Mary's                    | 39,961<br>11,251<br>16,552<br>12,158                 | 8,428<br>3,805<br>3,208<br>1,415                  | 22,093<br>5,511<br>9,411<br>7,171                    | 4,817<br>713<br>2,135<br>1,969             | 35,338<br>10,029<br>14,754<br>10,555                 | 5,434<br>1,100<br>2,726<br>1,608                 | 3,591<br>206<br>1,860<br>1,525           | 441<br>41<br>181<br>219            | 5,052<br>1,083<br>2,578<br>1,391                 | 322<br>61<br>127<br>134            | 1,086<br>263<br>496<br>327               | 9,729<br>1,552<br>4,934<br>3,243                   | 763<br>102<br>308<br>353            | 50,501<br>12,681<br>22,414<br>15,406                   |                                |
| DISTRICT 5<br>Prince George's                                     | 147,031<br>147,031                                   | 33,406<br>33,406                                  | 80,196<br>80,196                                     | 12,562<br>12,562                           | 126,164<br>126,164                                   | 18,056<br>18,056                                 | 116,787<br>116,787                       | 9,816<br>9,816                     | 30,193<br>30,193                                 | 3,576<br>3,576                     | 6,103<br>6,103                           | 153,083<br>153,083                                 | 13,392<br>13,392                    | 297,303<br>297,303                                     |                                |
| DISTRICT 6<br>Montgomery  | 159,867<br>159,867                                   | 42,168<br>42,168                                  | 105,428<br>105,428                                   | 10,023<br>10,023                           | 157,619<br>157,619                                   | 10,639<br>10,639                                 | 37,564<br>37,564                         | 1,236<br>1,236                     | 20,331<br>20,331                                 | 2,237<br>2,237                     | 3,847<br>3,847                           | 61,742<br>61,742                                   | 3,473<br>3,473                      | 230,000<br>230,000                                     |                                |
| DISTRICT 7<br>Anne Arundel  | 89,487<br>89,487                                     | 25,189<br>25,189                                  | 35,847<br>35,847                                     | 4,247<br>4,247                             | 65,283<br>65,283                                     | 10,587<br>10,587                                 | 23,054<br>23,054                         | 1,020<br>1,020                     | 10,526<br>10,526                                 | 640<br>640                         | 1,922<br>1,922                           | 35,502<br>35,502                                   | 1,660<br>1,660                      | 111,372<br>111,372                                     |                                |
| DISTRICT 8<br>Baltimore   | 157,527<br>157,527                                   | 67,259<br>67,259                                  | 76,474<br>76,474                                     | 6,338<br>6,338                             | 150,071<br>150,071                                   | 18,296<br>18,296                                 | 81,987<br>81,987                         | 1,959<br>1,959                     | 20,561<br>20,561                                 | 2,108<br>2,108                     | 4,105<br>4,105                           | 106,653<br>106,653                                 | 4,067<br>4,067                      | 275,020<br>275,020                                     |                                |
| DISTRICT 9<br>Harford   | 47,135<br>47,135                                     | 10,604<br>10,604                                  | 27,180<br>27,180                                     | 1,579<br>1,579                             | 39,363<br>39,363                                     | 2,915<br>2,915                                   | 6,183<br>6,183                           | 396<br>396                         | 4,106<br>4,106                                   | 189<br>189                         | 621<br>621                               | 10,910<br>10,910                                   | 585<br>585                          | 53,188<br>53,188                                       |                                |
| DISTRICT 10<br>Carroll<br>Howard                                  | 86,057<br>19,745<br>66,312                           | 19,079<br>4,991<br>14,088                         | 48,318<br>11,000<br>37,318                           | 4,553<br>1,206<br>3,347                    | 71,950<br>17,197<br>54,753                           | 5,592<br>2,400<br>3,192                          | 8,673<br>1,178<br>7,495                  | 345<br>103<br>242                  | 6,220<br>2,453<br>3,767                          | 757<br>145<br>612                  | 1,028<br>404<br>624                      | 15,921<br>4,035<br>11,886                          | 1,102<br>248<br>854                 | 93,463<br>23,632<br>69,831                             |                                |
| DISTRICT 11<br>Frederick<br>Washington                            | 69,978<br>42,898<br>27,080                           | 10,681<br>7,085<br>3,596                          | 48,431<br>28,975<br>19,456                           | 4,384<br>2,552<br>1,832                    | 63,496<br>38,612<br>24,884                           | 5,600<br>2,618<br>2,982                          | 5,869<br>3,261<br>2,608                  | 691<br>254<br>437                  | 7,275<br>3,836<br>3,439                          | 506<br>297<br>209                  | 1,456<br>598<br>858                      | 14,600<br>7,695<br>6,905                           | 1,197<br>551<br>646                 | 83,696<br>48,925<br>34,771                             |                                |
| DISTRICT 12<br>Allegany<br>Garrett                                | 23,086<br>15,171<br>7,915                            | 4,373<br>2,675<br>1,698                           | 15,959<br>10,632<br>5,327                            | 1,158<br>923<br>235                        | 21,490<br>14,230<br>7,260                            | 2,629<br>1,871<br>758                            | 488<br>378<br>110                        | 104<br>61<br>43                    | 1,978<br>1,318<br>660                            | 380<br>325<br>55                   | 359<br>251<br>108                        | 2,825<br>1,947<br>878                              | 484<br>386<br>98                    | 26,944<br>18,048<br>8,896                              |                                |
| STATE   | 1,061,768  | 279,699   | 597,235  | 60,568                                     | 937,502  | 144,060  | 488,531                                  | 54,586                             | 154,776  | 14,911                             | 29,077                                   | 672,384  | 69,497                              | 1,753,946  |                                |

**TABLE DC-3**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE AND CRIMINAL CASES PROCESSED**  
**AND CIVIL CASES FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                    | 1983-84          | 1984-85          | 1985-86          | 1986-87          | 1987-88          |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Baltimore City     | 317,274          | 330,641          | 320,613          | 333,834          | 374,633          |
| <b>DISTRICT 2</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Dorchester         | 8,324            | 9,257            | 10,365           | 12,436           | 15,210           |
| Somerset           | 6,114            | 6,026            | 5,977            | 6,404            | 9,296            |
| Wicomico           | 25,122           | 25,060           | 25,901           | 28,109           | 32,094           |
| Worcester          | 16,716           | 16,790           | 19,506           | 25,407           | 28,372           |
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Caroline           | 5,298            | 9,053            | 6,701            | 7,329            | 8,734            |
| Cecil              | 28,145           | 33,197           | 34,975           | 32,208           | 37,150           |
| Kent               | 4,046            | 4,938            | 4,298            | 4,909            | 4,965            |
| Queen Anne's       | 8,145            | 7,667            | 9,557            | 8,614            | 11,031           |
| Talbot             | 8,171            | 9,988            | 9,928            | 9,716            | 10,974           |
| <b>DISTRICT 4</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Calvert            | 10,339           | 9,438            | 9,623            | 11,660           | 12,681           |
| Charles            | 17,782           | 16,406           | 18,236           | 20,536           | 22,414           |
| St. Mary's         | 8,675            | 11,251           | 11,886           | 13,503           | 15,406           |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Prince George's    | 260,429          | 246,377          | 270,378          | 289,480          | 297,303          |
| <b>DISTRICT 6</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Montgomery         | 174,031          | 195,906          | 211,692          | 208,649          | 230,000          |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Anne Arundel       | 87,925           | 97,685           | 97,212           | 97,885           | 111,372          |
| <b>DISTRICT 8</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Baltimore          | 203,471          | 226,227          | 239,099          | 256,269          | 275,020          |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Harford            | 38,235           | 38,954           | 40,325           | 44,328           | 53,188           |
| <b>DISTRICT 10</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Carroll            | 14,542           | 18,387           | 19,223           | 21,257           | 23,632           |
| Howard             | 46,960           | 46,120           | 58,514           | 63,251           | 69,831           |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Frederick          | 33,508           | 36,787           | 39,127           | 43,305           | 48,925           |
| Washington         | 26,695           | 29,181           | 28,748           | 31,786           | 34,771           |
| <b>DISTRICT 12</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Allegany           | 13,440           | 14,027           | 13,039           | 14,890           | 18,048           |
| Garrett            | 6,219            | 8,086            | 7,458            | 7,481            | 8,896            |
| <b>STATE</b>       | <b>1,369,606</b> | <b>1,447,449</b> | <b>1,512,381</b> | <b>1,593,246</b> | <b>1,753,946</b> |

**TABLE DC-4**  
**POPULATION AND CASELOAD PER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE<sup>a</sup>**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 1988**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                                      | Number<br>of<br>Judges | Population<br>Per<br>Judge <sup>b</sup> | CASES FILED OR PROCESSED PER JUDGE |                  |              |               |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                      |                        |   | Civil                              | Motor<br>Vehicle | Criminal     | Total         |
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b><br>Baltimore City  | 23                     | 32,648                                  | 10,327                             | 3,726            | 2,235        | 16,288        |
| <b>DISTRICT 2</b><br>Dorchester      | 1                      | 29,900                                  | 2,296                              | 11,567           | 1,347        | 15,210        |
| Somerset                             | 1                      | 19,600                                  | 1,001                              | 7,675            | 620          | 9,296         |
| Wicomico                             | 1                      | 72,000                                  | 8,890                              | 20,730           | 2,474        | 32,094        |
| Worcester                            | 1                      | 37,900                                  | 2,705                              | 22,712           | 2,955        | 28,372        |
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b><br>Caroline        | 1                      | 24,900                                  | 1,371                              | 6,469            | 894          | 8,734         |
| Cecil                                | 2                      | 35,050                                  | 1,617                              | 15,717           | 1,241        | 18,575        |
| Kent                                 | 1                      | 17,000                                  | 1,495                              | 2,897            | 573          | 4,965         |
| Queen Anne's                         | 1                      | 31,400                                  | 1,407                              | 9,058            | 566          | 11,031        |
| Talbot                               | 1                      | 27,700                                  | 1,503                              | 8,484            | 987          | 10,974        |
| <b>DISTRICT 4</b><br>Calvert         | 1                      | 46,800                                  | 1,552                              | 10,029           | 1,100        | 12,681        |
| Charles                              | 1                      | 94,900                                  | 4,934                              | 14,754           | 2,726        | 22,414        |
| St. Mary's                           | 1                      | 71,000                                  | 3,243                              | 10,555           | 1,608        | 15,406        |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b><br>Prince George's | 10                     | 68,830                                  | 15,308                             | 12,616           | 1,806        | 29,730        |
| <b>DISTRICT 6</b><br>Montgomery      | 9 <sup>c</sup>         | 77,778                                  | 6,860                              | 17,513           | 1,182        | 25,555        |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b><br>Anne Arundel    | 6                      | 69,800                                  | 5,917                              | 10,881           | 1,765        | 18,563        |
| <b>DISTRICT 8</b><br>Baltimore       | 12                     | 56,750                                  | 8,888                              | 12,506           | 1,525        | 22,919        |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b><br>Harford         | 3                      | 54,867                                  | 3,637                              | 13,121           | 972          | 17,730        |
| <b>DISTRICT 10</b><br>Carroll        | 2                      | 58,750                                  | 2,018                              | 8,599            | 1,200        | 11,817        |
| Howard                               | 3                      | 53,900                                  | 3,962                              | 18,251           | 1,064        | 23,277        |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b><br>Frederick      | 2                      | 68,950                                  | 3,848                              | 19,306           | 1,309        | 24,463        |
| Washington                           | 2                      | 58,350                                  | 3,453                              | 12,442           | 1,491        | 17,386        |
| <b>DISTRICT 12</b><br>Allegany       | 2                      | 36,750                                  | 974                                | 7,115            | 936          | 9,025         |
| Garrett                              | 1                      | 26,100                                  | 878                                | 7,260            | 758          | 8,896         |
| <b>STATE</b>                         | <b>88</b>              | <b>52,048</b>                           | <b>7,641</b>                       | <b>10,653</b>    | <b>1,637</b> | <b>19,931</b> |

<sup>a</sup>Chief Judge of District Court not included in statistics. Number of judges as of June 30, 1988.

<sup>b</sup>Population estimate for July 1, 1988, issued by the Maryland Center for Health Statistics.

<sup>c</sup>Two Juvenile Court judges and juvenile causes omitted as included in juvenile statistics.

**TABLE DC-5**  
**CASES FILED OR PROCESSED IN THE DISTRICT COURT**  
**PER THOUSAND POPULATION**

**JULY 1, 1987—JUNE 30, 1988**  
**FISCAL 1988**

|                                      | Population*      | Civil Filed | Motor Vehicle Processed | Criminal Processed | Total      |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b><br>Baltimore City  | 750,900          | 316         | 114                     | 68                 | 498        |
| <b>DISTRICT 2</b><br>Dorchester      | 29,900           | 77          | 387                     | 45                 | 509        |
| Somerset                             | 19,600           | 51          | 392                     | 32                 | 475        |
| Wicomico                             | 72,000           | 123         | 288                     | 34                 | 445        |
| Worcester                            | 37,900           | 71          | 599                     | 78                 | 748        |
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b><br>Caroline        | 24,900           | 55          | 260                     | 36                 | 351        |
| Cecil                                | 70,100           | 46          | 448                     | 35                 | 529        |
| Kent                                 | 17,000           | 88          | 170                     | 34                 | 292        |
| Queen Anne's                         | 31,400           | 45          | 288                     | 18                 | 351        |
| Talbot                               | 27,700           | 54          | 306                     | 36                 | 396        |
| <b>DISTRICT 4</b><br>Calvert         | 46,800           | 33          | 214                     | 24                 | 271        |
| Charles                              | 94,900           | 52          | 155                     | 29                 | 236        |
| St. Mary's                           | 71,000           | 46          | 149                     | 23                 | 218        |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b><br>Prince George's | 688,300          | 222         | 183                     | 26                 | 431        |
| <b>DISTRICT 6</b><br>Montgomery      | 700,000          | 88          | 225                     | 15                 | 328        |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b><br>Anne Arundel    | 418,800          | 85          | 156                     | 25                 | 266        |
| <b>DISTRICT 8</b><br>Baltimore       | 681,000          | 157         | 220                     | 27                 | 404        |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b><br>Harford         | 164,600          | 66          | 239                     | 18                 | 323        |
| <b>DISTRICT 10</b><br>Carroll        | 117,500          | 34          | 146                     | 20                 | 200        |
| Howard                               | 161,700          | 74          | 339                     | 20                 | 433        |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b><br>Frederick      | 137,900          | 56          | 280                     | 19                 | 355        |
| Washington                           | 116,700          | 59          | 213                     | 26                 | 298        |
| <b>DISTRICT 12</b><br>Allegany       | 73,500           | 26          | 194                     | 25                 | 245        |
| Garrett                              | 26,100           | 34          | 278                     | 29                 | 341        |
| <b>STATE</b>                         | <b>4,580,200</b> | <b>147</b>  | <b>205</b>              | <b>31</b>          | <b>383</b> |

\*Population estimate for July 1, 1988, issued by the Maryland Center for Health Statistics.

**TABLE DC-6**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE CASES PROCESSED**  
**BY THE DISTRICT COURT**

**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                    | 1983-84        | 1984-85        | 1985-86        | 1986-87        | 1987-88        |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Baltimore City     | 61,421         | 65,938         | 62,439         | 70,816         | 85,702         |
| <b>DISTRICT 2</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Dorchester         | 5,748          | 6,367          | 7,663          | 9,007          | 11,567         |
| Somerset           | 5,011          | 4,804          | 4,602          | 4,897          | 7,675          |
| Wicomico           | 18,990         | 17,490         | 18,201         | 18,045         | 20,730         |
| Worcester          | 13,028         | 12,388         | 14,425         | 19,769         | 22,712         |
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Caroline           | 3,779          | 7,449          | 4,668          | 5,256          | 6,469          |
| Cecil              | 23,998         | 28,859         | 30,204         | 27,080         | 31,434         |
| Kent               | 2,669          | 3,294          | 2,425          | 2,986          | 2,897          |
| Queen Anne's       | 6,438          | 6,019          | 7,972          | 6,634          | 9,058          |
| Talbot             | 6,632          | 8,236          | 8,019          | 7,545          | 8,484          |
| <b>DISTRICT 4</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Calvert            | 7,929          | 7,110          | 7,176          | 8,826          | 10,029         |
| Charles            | 13,251         | 11,668         | 12,669         | 13,715         | 14,754         |
| St. Mary's         | 6,499          | 8,673          | 8,828          | 9,440          | 10,555         |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Prince George's    | 114,268        | 104,587        | 113,503        | 121,690        | 126,164        |
| <b>DISTRICT 6</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Montgomery         | 115,080        | 133,066        | 148,355        | 143,200        | 157,619        |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Anne Arundel       | 49,594         | 55,735         | 57,193         | 55,815         | 65,283         |
| <b>DISTRICT 8</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Baltimore          | 106,617        | 130,113        | 135,422        | 141,929        | 150,071        |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Harford            | 26,631         | 27,921         | 29,013         | 31,771         | 39,363         |
| <b>DISTRICT 10</b> |                |                |                |                |                |
| Carroll            | 9,958          | 13,789         | 14,304         | 15,928         | 17,197         |
| Howard             | 35,348         | 32,949         | 44,826         | 49,414         | 54,753         |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b> |                |                |                |                |                |
| Frederick          | 26,550         | 29,229         | 31,776         | 34,752         | 38,612         |
| Washington         | 19,364         | 21,374         | 20,425         | 21,867         | 24,884         |
| <b>DISTRICT 12</b> |                |                |                |                |                |
| Allegany           | 9,960          | 10,736         | 9,574          | 11,004         | 14,230         |
| Garrett            | 4,807          | 6,718          | 6,181          | 5,984          | 7,260          |
| <b>STATE</b>       | <b>693,570</b> | <b>754,512</b> | <b>799,863</b> | <b>837,370</b> | <b>937,502</b> |

**TABLE DC-7**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**CRIMINAL CASES BY THE NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS CHARGED**  
**PROCESSED IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                    | 1983-84        | 1984-85        | 1985-86        | 1986-87        | 1987-88        |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Baltimore City     | 48,237         | 48,760         | 48,586         | 52,619         | 51,414         |
| <b>DISTRICT 2</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Dorchester         | 930            | 1,115          | 1,097          | 1,118          | 1,347          |
| Somerset           | 497            | 540            | 582            | 601            | 620            |
| Wicomico           | 1,680          | 1,618          | 1,995          | 1,976          | 2,474          |
| Worcester          | 2,036          | 2,208          | 2,800          | 3,224          | 2,955          |
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Caroline           | 498            | 579            | 808            | 921            | 894            |
| Cecil              | 1,694          | 1,790          | 1,803          | 2,122          | 2,482          |
| Kent               | 355            | 490            | 501            | 512            | 573            |
| Queen Anne's       | 508            | 544            | 544            | 580            | 566            |
| Talbot             | 535            | 687            | 708            | 921            | 987            |
| <b>DISTRICT 4</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Calvert            | 783            | 914            | 1,017          | 1,140          | 1,100          |
| Charles            | 1,630          | 1,958          | 2,148          | 2,543          | 2,726          |
| St. Mary's         | 839            | 741            | 1,037          | 1,385          | 1,608          |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Prince George's    | 19,866         | 20,020         | 17,292         | 19,534         | 18,056         |
| <b>DISTRICT 6</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Montgomery         | 7,776          | 9,519          | 9,762          | 9,507          | 10,639         |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Anne Arundel       | 7,989          | 8,461          | 9,996          | 10,875         | 10,587         |
| <b>DISTRICT 8</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Baltimore          | 17,182         | 15,429         | 17,291         | 17,199         | 18,296         |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Harford            | 2,842          | 2,560          | 2,742          | 2,892          | 2,915          |
| <b>DISTRICT 10</b> |                |                |                |                |                |
| Carroll            | 1,705          | 1,653          | 1,732          | 2,021          | 2,400          |
| Howard             | 2,842          | 3,029          | 3,043          | 3,338          | 3,192          |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b> |                |                |                |                |                |
| Frederick          | 2,302          | 2,452          | 2,257          | 2,500          | 2,618          |
| Washington         | 1,915          | 2,247          | 2,258          | 3,055          | 2,982          |
| <b>DISTRICT 12</b> |                |                |                |                |                |
| Allegany           | 1,723          | 1,737          | 1,669          | 1,903          | 1,871          |
| Garrett            | 604            | 603            | 554            | 690            | 758            |
| <b>STATE</b>       | <b>126,968</b> | <b>129,654</b> | <b>132,222</b> | <b>143,176</b> | <b>144,060</b> |

**TABLE DC-8**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**CIVIL CASES FILED**  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**  
**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                    | 1983-84        | 1984-85        | 1985-86        | 1986-87        | 1987-88        |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Baltimore City     | 207,616        | 215,943        | 209,588        | 210,399        | 237,517        |
| <b>DISTRICT 2</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Dorchester         | 1,646          | 1,775          | 1,605          | 2,311          | 2,296          |
| Somerset           | 606            | 682            | 793            | 906            | 1,001          |
| Wicomico           | 4,452          | 5,952          | 5,705          | 8,088          | 8,890          |
| Worcester          | 1,652          | 2,194          | 2,281          | 2,414          | 2,705          |
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Caroline           | 1,021          | 1,025          | 1,225          | 1,152          | 1,371          |
| Cecil              | 2,453          | 2,548          | 2,968          | 3,006          | 3,234          |
| Kent               | 1,022          | 1,154          | 1,372          | 1,411          | 1,495          |
| Queen Anne's       | 1,199          | 1,104          | 1,041          | 1,400          | 1,407          |
| Talbot             | 1,004          | 1,065          | 1,201          | 1,250          | 1,503          |
| <b>DISTRICT 4</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Calvert            | 1,627          | 1,414          | 1,430          | 1,694          | 1,552          |
| Charles            | 2,901          | 2,780          | 3,419          | 4,278          | 4,934          |
| St. Mary's         | 1,337          | 1,837          | 2,021          | 2,678          | 3,243          |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Prince George's    | 126,295        | 121,770        | 139,583        | 148,256        | 153,083        |
| <b>DISTRICT 6</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Montgomery         | 51,175         | 53,321         | 53,575         | 55,942         | 61,742         |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Anne Arundel       | 30,342         | 33,489         | 30,023         | 31,195         | 35,502         |
| <b>DISTRICT 8</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Baltimore          | 79,672         | 80,685         | 86,386         | 97,141         | 106,653        |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Harford            | 8,762          | 8,473          | 8,570          | 9,665          | 10,910         |
| <b>DISTRICT 10</b> |                |                |                |                |                |
| Carroll            | 2,879          | 2,945          | 3,187          | 3,308          | 4,035          |
| Howard             | 8,770          | 10,142         | 10,645         | 10,499         | 11,886         |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b> |                |                |                |                |                |
| Frederick          | 4,656          | 5,106          | 5,094          | 6,053          | 7,695          |
| Washington         | 5,416          | 5,560          | 6,065          | 6,864          | 6,905          |
| <b>DISTRICT 12</b> |                |                |                |                |                |
| Allegany           | 1,757          | 1,554          | 1,796          | 1,983          | 1,947          |
| Garrett            | 808            | 765            | 723            | 807            | 878            |
| <b>STATE</b>       | <b>549,068</b> | <b>563,283</b> | <b>580,296</b> | <b>612,700</b> | <b>672,384</b> |

**TABLE DC-9**  
**FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED CASES RECEIVED BY**  
**THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND**  
**FISCAL 1984—FISCAL 1988**

|                    | 1983-84       | 1984-85       | 1985-86       | 1986-87       | 1987-88       |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Baltimore City     | 3,007         | 3,240         | 2,875         | 2,825         | 2,947         |
| <b>DISTRICT 2</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Dorchester         | 288           | 290           | 457           | 405           | 357           |
| Somerset           | 255           | 228           | 199           | 162           | 277           |
| Wicomico           | 766           | 577           | 467           | 522           | 642           |
| Worcester          | 770           | 772           | 780           | 908           | 813           |
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Caroline           | 154           | 164           | 172           | 194           | 229           |
| Cecil              | 839           | 813           | 804           | 802           | 854           |
| Kent               | 96            | 139           | 158           | 213           | 217           |
| Queen Anne's       | 248           | 282           | 284           | 278           | 304           |
| Talbot             | 454           | 439           | 363           | 306           | 322           |
| <b>DISTRICT 4</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Calvert            | 623           | 560           | 569           | 766           | 825           |
| Charles            | 528           | 552           | 683           | 822           | 1,242         |
| St. Mary's         | 527           | 573           | 509           | 488           | 682           |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Prince George's    | 3,960         | 4,081         | 5,128         | 6,466         | 6,647         |
| <b>DISTRICT 6</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Montgomery         | 3,414         | 5,364         | 5,301         | 5,117         | 5,674         |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Anne Arundel       | 2,826         | 3,233         | 3,514         | 5,453         | 7,219         |
| <b>DISTRICT 8</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Baltimore          | 4,022         | 4,212         | 4,368         | 4,287         | 4,645         |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Harford            | 1,012         | 1,070         | 1,350         | 1,283         | 1,511         |
| <b>DISTRICT 10</b> |               |               |               |               |               |
| Carroll            | 775           | 912           | 549           | 536           | 739           |
| Howard             | 2,156         | 1,472         | 2,135         | 2,114         | 2,767         |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b> |               |               |               |               |               |
| Frederick          | 1,040         | 1,054         | 1,091         | 1,266         | 1,525         |
| Washington         | 638           | 798           | 768           | 922           | 1,002         |
| <b>DISTRICT 12</b> |               |               |               |               |               |
| Allegany           | 681           | 485           | 523           | 467           | 522           |
| Garrett            | 215           | 242           | 255           | 230           | 405           |
| <b>STATE</b>       | <b>29,294</b> | <b>31,552</b> | <b>33,302</b> | <b>36,832</b> | <b>42,367</b> |

**TABLE DC-10**  
**THREE-YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
**EMERGENCY EVALUATION AND DOMESTIC ABUSE HEARINGS**  
**HELD IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND**  
**FISCAL 1986—FISCAL 1988**

|                                      | Emergency Hearings |              |              | Domestic Abuse |              |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                      | 1985-86            | 1986-87      | 1987-88      | 1985-86        | 1986-87      | 1987-88      |
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b><br>Baltimore City  | 299                | 400          | 550          | 1,890          | 1,848        | 1,742        |
| <b>DISTRICT 2</b><br>Dorchester      | 8                  | 20           | 20           | 12             | 21           | 20           |
| Somerset                             | 10                 | 20           | 10           | 11             | 20           | 7            |
| Wicomico                             | 27                 | 47           | 58           | 92             | 99           | 75           |
| Worcester                            | 33                 | 34           | 37           | 29             | 24           | 32           |
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b><br>Caroline        | 3                  | 7            | 3            | 16             | 18           | 27           |
| Cecil                                | 25                 | 42           | 31           | 83             | 68           | 86           |
| Kent                                 | 10                 | 8            | 15           | 10             | 6            | 9            |
| Queen Anne's                         | 6                  | 7            | 3            | 12             | 27           | 19           |
| Talbot                               | 7                  | 8            | 20           | 3              | 7            | 14           |
| <b>DISTRICT 4</b><br>Calvert         | 19                 | 19           | 7            | 13             | 11           | 26           |
| Charles                              | 16                 | 22           | 27           | 1              | 3            | 11           |
| St. Mary's                           | 30                 | 49           | 49           | 46             | 50           | 67           |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b><br>Prince George's | 569                | 547          | 546          | 385            | 496          | 614          |
| <b>DISTRICT 6</b><br>Montgomery      | 229                | 302          | 145          | 324            | 304          | 344          |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b><br>Anne Arundel    | 209                | 233          | 274          | 313            | 326          | 387          |
| <b>DISTRICT 8</b><br>Baltimore       | 327                | 371          | 391          | 570            | 579          | 656          |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b><br>Harford         | 36                 | 28           | 14           | 26             | 28           | 15           |
| <b>DISTRICT 10</b><br>Carroll        | 24                 | 25           | 34           | 45             | 37           | 53           |
| Howard                               | 56                 | 38           | 34           | 100            | 97           | 85           |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b><br>Frederick      | 50                 | 42           | 48           | 68             | 113          | 84           |
| Washington                           | 18                 | 18           | 16           | 92             | 102          | 97           |
| <b>DISTRICT 12</b><br>Allegany       | 29                 | 33           | 35           | 102            | 88           | 111          |
| Garrett                              | 16                 | 11           | 12           | 40             | 48           | 80           |
| <b>STATE</b>                         | <b>2,056</b>       | <b>2,331</b> | <b>2,379</b> | <b>4,283</b>   | <b>4,420</b> | <b>4,661</b> |



# Judicial Administration

## Administrative Office of the Courts

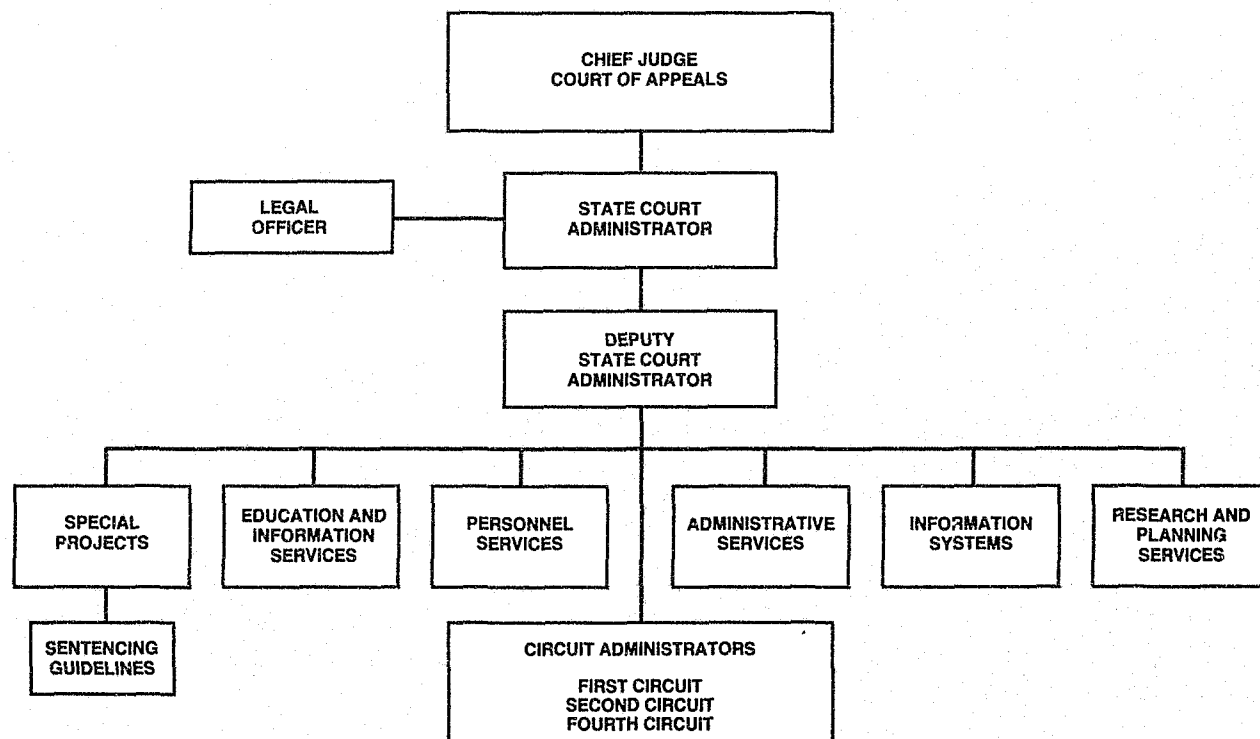
In 1944, Maryland recognized the need to provide administrative direction to the Judicial branch when Article IV, § 18(b), of the Constitution, was ratified by the voters providing that the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is the "administrative head of the judicial system of the State."

Almost 35 years ago, the Maryland legislature took the essential step to provide the administrative and professional staff necessary to assist the Chief Judge in carrying out the administrative responsibilities under the Constitution. The step was to establish the Administrative Office of the Courts under the direction of the State Court Administrator, who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, with duties and responsibilities set forth in § 13-101 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

The State Court Administrator and the Administrative Office provide the Chief Judge with advice, information, facilities, and staff to assist in the performance of the Chief Judge's administrative

responsibilities. The administrative responsibilities include personnel administration, preparation and administration of the Judiciary budget, liaison with legislative and executive branches, planning and research, education of judges and court support personnel, and staff support to the Maryland Judicial Conference and the Conference of Circuit Judges. In addition, the Administrative Office serves as "Secretariat" to the Appellate and Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commissions established pursuant to Executive Order of the Governor. Personnel are also responsible for the complex operation of data processing systems, collection and analysis of statistics and other management information. The office also assists the Chief Judge in the assignment of active and former judges to cope with case backlogs or address shortages of judicial personnel in critical locations.

What follows are some of the details pertaining to certain important activities of the Administrative Office of the Courts during the last twelve months.



## Administrative Office of the Courts

## Judicial Education and Information

**1988 Programs.** The Judicial Institute of Maryland offered seventeen courses during 1988 for the experienced bench plus a three and one-half day new trial judge orientation for newly appointed jurists. In addition to programs on marital property, contract law, and hearsay, fresh treatments of sentencing, DWI cases, and mental health issues were included in the 1988 curriculum. Practicums in trial practice, instructor development, and judicial writing supplemented courses on experts in family issues, fifth amendment, humanities, and DWI in juvenile court.

Twenty Maryland jurists joined their counterparts in New Jersey and Delaware for a commercial transactions interstate conference in Somers Point, New Jersey. Plans are under way for Maryland to host the fifth interstate conference in Baltimore in April 1989. The topics of this conference are hearsay and criminal constitutional law.

Maryland's juvenile masters convened in Timonium on March 10 and 11, 1988, for a workshop on juvenile court treatment alternatives and a fourth amendment review. Also, the Judicial Institute helped the newly formed Orphans' Court Association in planning two educational programs during its 1987-1988 Term.

Finally, Judicial Institute instructors made presentations at the December and June Fifth Circuit meetings.

**Instructor and Financial Resources.** The Board of Directors enlisted the aid of ninety-seven highly qualified members of the federal and state bench, the private and public bar, and other professions to teach during 1988.

Thirteen of these instructors participated in the Institute's second instructor development workshop in June. Class members learned to incorporate adult education techniques during fifteen-minute capsule presentations of current teaching assignments. Eventually all Judicial Institute instructors will be trained in participative teaching methods and the effective use of audio-visual teaching aids.

The Institute's videotape lending library now numbers 235 titles. These videotapes are borrowed by newly appointed judges to supplement their on-the-bench orientation, by experienced judges for review, by members of other state judiciaries, and by members of the Maryland State Bar Association. New taping projects are a mock trial for evidentiary rulings practice, a demonstration of a juvenile hearing, a jury voir-dire, and a demonstration of handling jurors' questions during trial.

The United States Department of Transportation, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, and the Maryland Humanities Council provided consultative and financial support for four 1988 programs. During 1989 the Judicial Institute will be submitting proposals for funding of an executive development course and a juvenile court workshop. Outside funding allows the

Institute to pay honorariums to nonlawyer faculty and to develop programs for juvenile masters who are paid by local jurisdictions. The grants supplement money appropriated for educational expenses by the Maryland General Assembly.

**Public Information Projects.** The Public Awareness Committee of the Maryland Judicial Conference and the Maryland State Bar Association co-sponsored the annual high school mock trial competition. The mock trial provides an opportunity for students, attorneys, and judges to work together on a joint educational project. The winning teams this year were from Lake Clifton/Eastern High School in Baltimore City and Pikesville High School in Baltimore County. Forty-four Maryland judges presided over the mock trials of ninety-five teams during the school year.

**Special Joint Committee on Gender Bias in the Courts.** The Special Joint Committee on Gender Bias in the Courts held twenty committee and subcommittee meetings during the past year. As part of its mission to examine if gender bias exists in the Maryland courts and if it does how to eliminate it, the committee held seven public hearings around the state in September and October of 1987. It also commissioned the Survey Research Center at the University of Maryland to develop questionnaires for attorneys, judges, and court personnel. The return rate on the questionnaires was eighty percent for judges, fifty percent for attorneys, and fifty percent for court employees. All of this data and other materials are being analyzed now by the committee and its subcommittees which will continue to meet during the summer and fall.

The committee will issue a report with its findings and recommendations in the spring of 1989. Its term was extended for a second year by Chief Judge Murphy and the president of the Maryland State Bar Association due to the volume of material the committee has to examine. This body of four judges and five attorneys also plans to develop a program for the 1989 Maryland Judicial Conference.

Maryland is one of twenty-two states that has commissioned a gender bias committee. We will be the fourth state to print a report.

## Judicial Information Systems

Fiscal Year 1988 continued marked improvement in many areas for the Judicial Information Systems.

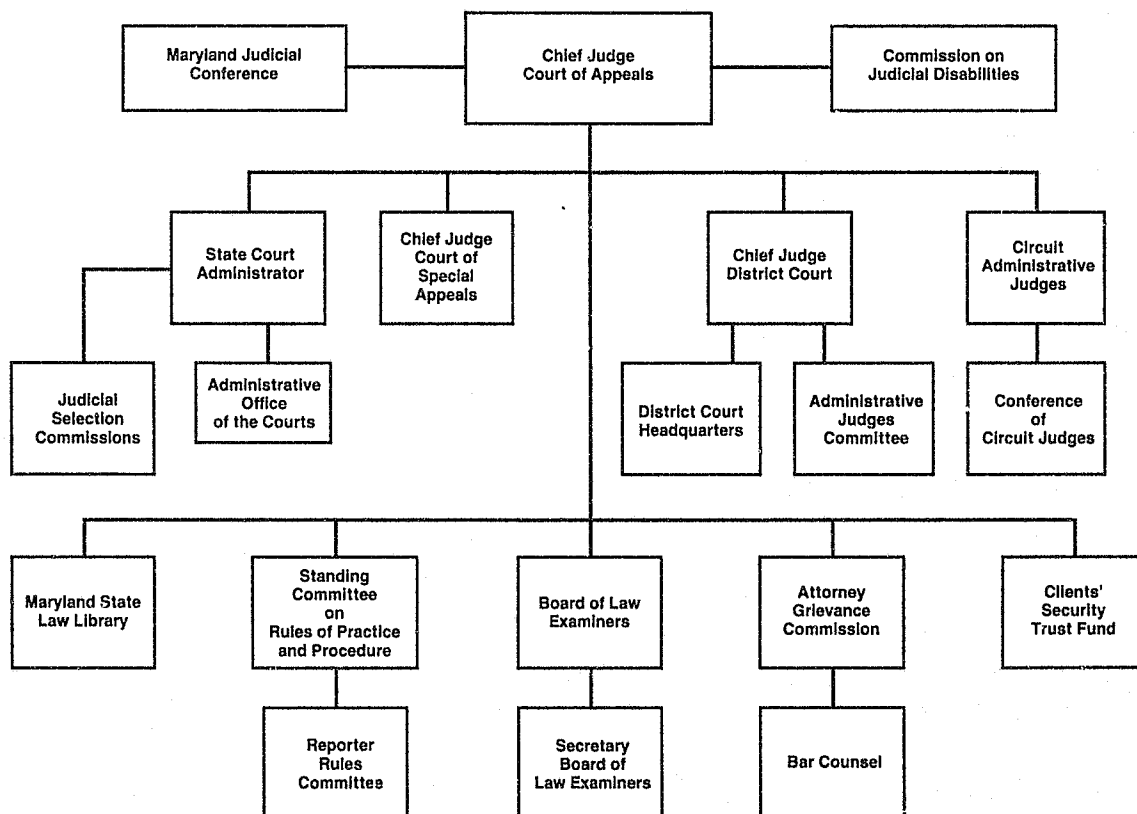
The project to automate the circuit courts progressed to the point of vendor selection and definition of specifications. The implementation of the pilot phase will begin in FY '89. Cooperative efforts by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the State Comptroller's Office, who are joint sponsors of the project, will continue over a multi-year period. The quality of the data that will be generated from the proposed system will greatly enhance the accuracy of statistics from the circuit courts. Also, the system analysis and design has been completed for the criminal system that tracks offenders through the

Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Programming will commence during the first quarter of FY '89 with the project completion scheduled for the first quarter of FY '90.

Enhancements to the District Court Traffic and Criminal System continued with improved management reporting as well as statistics relating to DWI offenses. Also, within the criminal and traffic system, a warrant system was implemented that allows for inquiry of warrants issued within the system. There are presently in excess of 20,000 warrant transactions processed on an annual basis. A change in the traffic and warrant system was requested by the State of Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (SMVA) that accommodates the larger driver license numbers generated by such states as New York and New Jersey. Analysis and on-line programming specifications were completed for a new District Court Civil System with programming expected to commence in July 1988 and project completion expected in the first quarter of FY '90. Requirements Analysis, a Conceptual Design, an Automation Plan, and basic detailed requirements for a District Court Bar Code/Scanning Project affecting both the criminal and traffic systems were initiated. Areas such as commissioner activities, docketing and accounts receivable were demonstrated to adminis-

trative judges in the third quarter of FY '88. A further analysis was implemented dealing with affected groups such as State's attorneys, law enforcement, and court clerks to allow for their inclusion in the requirements analysis. This project, which will have far-reaching effects in alleviating some of the burdensome paperwork associated with many court activities, is expected to be implemented statewide in the first quarter of FY '90. This tremendous improvement in methodology, not only in hardware and software but also in procedures, requires an extensive training program before implementation.

There has been an ever increasing demand for attorneys to be given inquiry access to information systems maintained by the Judicial Data Center (JDC) on cases in process by the Circuit Court for Baltimore City as well as the District Court. Based on this need, as well as the requirement for JDC to be operationally on-line 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, certain telecommunications modifications were implemented. This allowed for enhanced reliability of the network in addition to improved dial-up communications. Implementation of this network in June 1988 allowed those attorneys involved in asbestos litigation, specifically in the greater Baltimore area, access to information through telephone lines utilizing their own



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intelligent work stations. The Judicial Information Systems Unit is continuing analysis to determine future impact to the Judiciary by allowing attorneys the capability to file documents within the courts in addition to extended dial-up access.

### Judicial Special Projects

The Special Projects section meets operational needs of the State courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts. It also performs research and analytical projects at the request of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. The Sentencing Guidelines section is an additional responsibility of the Special Projects section.

This section provides assistance and coordination of the Judicial Nominating Commissions Orientation Conference for the new members of the various nominating commissions, conducts the election of the attorney members of the nominating commissions and also provides staff to the various nominating commissions when a judicial vacancy occurs.

Staff was provided for the Judicial Conference Civil Committee. The *Policy and Procedures Manual* is routinely updated throughout the year.

The *Annual Report of the Maryland Judiciary 1986-1987* was prepared by this unit in conjunction with the Judicial Research and Planning section.

### Judicial Research and Planning Services

Providing research and management information pertaining to the operations of the Maryland court system is one of the primary functions of the Judicial Research and Planning Unit in the Administrative Office of the Courts. Among its regularly assigned duties, the unit is responsible for: the annual compilation and preparation of workload data on all court levels for the *Annual Report of the Maryland Judiciary*; the annual preparation of statistical analyses pertaining to judgeship needs found in the Chief Judge's (of the Court of Appeals) *Certification of the Need for Additional Judgeships*; the annual preparation of *The Report to the Legislature on Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance*; the monthly preparation of the *Sixty-Day Reserved Case Report* on all circuit courts in Maryland; the quarterly preparation of judicial workload reports; the compilation of fiscal research data including circuit court personnel and budget information and the costs to operate the circuit courts; the annual preparation of data and analyses found in the *AOC Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Program*; and the maintenance of the docket of "out-of-state" attorneys granted or denied special admission to practice under Rule 20 of the Bar Admission Rules.

Over the past several years, staff members in the unit have participated in and conducted a number of research projects at the requests of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the State Court Administrator. On April 1, 1988, Governor Schaefer

signed a new Executive Order which reorganized judicial nominating commissions throughout the State. Staff from the unit assisted in the reorganization which involved the orientation of new commission members, the election of lawyer members to trial court commissions and the development of a new training manual. The unit also contributed significant staff support to several judicial committees. These included: Judicial Ethics Committee—Proposed Code of Conduct for Judicial Appointees; Ciotola Committee—A special eight-member judicial committee studying District Court jury trial prayers; and an Adoption Subcommittee of the Maryland Judicial Conference studying uniform procedures in independent adoptions. In Fiscal Year 1989, staff support to Judicial Conference Committees and the Appellate and Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commissions will continue along with involvement in other projects.

### Judicial Administrative Services

The Judicial Administrative Services office prepares and monitors the annual Judiciary budget, excluding the District Court of Maryland. All accounts payable for the Judiciary are processed through this office and accounting records for revenues and accounts payable are kept by the staff in cooperation with the General Accounting Department of the State Comptroller's Office. Payroll activities and the working fund account are also the responsibility of the Judicial Administrative Services staff. Records must be maintained in order for the legislative auditor to perform timely audits on the fiscal activities of the Judiciary. As of July 1, 1986, the Administrative Office accounting system was totally automated, compatible with that of the Comptroller's Office.

General supplies and equipment are purchased by this office. Staff also prepare and solicit competitive bids on all major equipment, furniture, and supplies. This section, along with the Department of General Services, ensures that the Courts of Appeal building is maintained.

Inventory controls as of July 1, 1987, were established for all furniture and equipment used by the Judiciary, which is an automated control system. All inventory will have bar codes that will be recorded by an operator using a scanning device which will automatically record furniture or equipment into the system. Other responsibilities include maintaining lease agreements for all leased property, monitoring the safety and maintenance records of the Judiciary automobile fleet, and performing special projects as directed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

### Judicial Personnel Services

The Judicial Personnel Unit continues its research in the areas of employee relations and refinement of procedures and processes for the timely recognition of personnel and their achievements. New programs

have been developed in the areas of service and performance awards and are ready for implementation.

The past year has been spent in the improvement of the computerized Time and Attendance Reporting System to reflect changes mandated by legislation. The system in its present state is believed to be the most complete in terms of the types of information it provides to both management and employees. Several executive branch agencies have now adopted our time and attendance system. To agencies without main-frame or mini-computers, we are down-loading the program to make it usable on personal computers with 3.5 inch or 5.25 inch drive systems.

As a service to prospective retirees, the Personnel Unit now provides each with an estimate of social security benefits to aid in the retirement planning process. This micro-computer based software program computes old age, death and disability benefits under any Social Security law in effect since June 1978. Initial response to the new service has been overwhelming.

We have reviewed our human resources information system now in place and have found that it can be substantially improved by the adoption of new software which has a proven track record. The system we plan to adopt is able to generate 50 standard menu-driven reports with the capability of many more custom reports generated on an *ad hoc* basis utilizing standard commercially available software. The use of this type of software is relatively easy because one is able to create a wide variety of reports quickly without programming. The use of such software eliminates the use of in-house programming personnel which can be quite costly and whose services could best be used programming complex solutions for main-frame and mini-computer application.

The Judicial Personnel Unit will continue to explore all of the new technologies both in terms of hardware and software in the human resources information system areas for possible use. Only in this way will we be able to provide management and employees with the most efficient and effective personnel services they need and deserve.

### Sentencing Guidelines

For most criminal cases originating in the Maryland circuit courts, guidelines are used to provide judges with information to help them in sentencing and to create a record of all sentences imposed for particular offenses and types of offenders. The guidelines were developed and are evaluated by the judges in consultation with representatives from other criminal justice and related governmental agencies and the private bar. At the direction of the Sentencing Guidelines Board, staff monitor the use of guidelines to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the data used to review and update the guidelines.

Ongoing training in the use of the guidelines exists in several forms. All appointees to the circuit court receive an orientation regarding the function and use



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of sentencing guidelines. At the annual Judicial Institute, there is an opportunity for new judges to ask questions that may have arisen during their first months of using guidelines. An instructional videotape is available for every jurisdiction and is sent upon request. As work sheets are edited, requests for missing information are returned to the circuit. Once returned to the Sentencing Guidelines department, this data is added to the main file for future analysis.

The revised Sentencing Guidelines manual has been distributed and affects all criminal felony sentencing for all crimes committed on or after July 1, 1987. Any crime committed prior to that date is sentenced by using the earlier edition of the manual.

There is a special committee to study the possibility of Sentencing Guidelines for DWI cases. This committee is composed of judges from both the circuit and District Courts as well as representatives from related government agencies and MADD.

## **Liaison with the Legislative and Executive Branches**

The budget is one example of an important area of liaison with both the executive and legislative branches, since judiciary budget requests pass through both and must be given final approval by the latter. In a number of other areas, including the support of or opposition to legislation, the appointment of judges, and criminal justice and other planning, close contact with one or both of the other branches of government is required. On occasion, liaison with local government is also needed. On a day-to-day working level, this liaison is generally supplied by the State Court Administrator and other members of the Administrative Office staff as well as staff members of District Court headquarters. With respect to more fundamental policy issues, including presentation of the State of the Judiciary Message to the General Assembly, the Chief Judge takes an active part. The Chairman of the Conference of Circuit Judges and the Chief Judge of the District Court also participate in liaison activities as appropriate.

## **Circuit Court Administration**

Most of the activities affecting circuit court administration are covered in other sections of this report. Such areas include: analysis of the nature and extent of the circuit court caseload, additional judgeships, assignment of active and former judges, subjects covered by the Conference of Circuit Judges, and legislation enacted in 1988 affecting the circuit courts.

The 1986-1987 Annual Report reported that the statewide assessment of data processing needs of the clerks' offices, primarily where data processing was minimally in place, was completed. During the period covered by this report, reviews of proposals from several vendors to address these needs were completed, a selection made and contract awarded to provide the necessary hardware, system software and applications software. As of this report, a Data Processing Steering Committee, consisting of clerks, representatives from the Administrative Office of the Courts, State's Attorneys Association, Department of Public Safety, and the Comptroller's Office are designing a system to implement in two pilot sites, namely in Anne Arundel County for case scheduling and assignment and in Carroll County for land records and financial applications.

Locally, the Circuit Court for Prince George's County is enhancing its extensive existing use of data processing in a number of areas. It is installing terminals in judges' offices which will provide word and data processing capabilities and be connected to the county's office automation network. One of the features will permit electronic mail communication between the court and the county government. In addition, the terminals will permit judges to have access into the case management systems for case-

related and docket-related information. Also, the court is completing the automation of the assignment component of its case management system and updating its automated jury selection and management system and has reduced the jury term from two weeks to one.

Statewide, a number of circuit courts engaged in space programs which have called for the completion of expanded facilities or the renovation of existing areas. The Prince George's County Upper Marlboro Justice Facility, consisting of a State multi-purpose building, is now in the design stage. Charles County and St. Mary's County Circuit Courts likewise are involved in expansion of their respective courthouses. Finally, court facilities in the two buildings in Baltimore City are undergoing considerable renovations with the addition of new courtrooms, chambers, jury rooms, lawyer conference rooms, installation of elevators, and renovation of a juvenile detention room. An important feasibility study for the comprehensive restoration and renovation of the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., Courthouse is getting under way.

## **District Court of Maryland**

by the Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland  
Robert F. Sweeney

The only purpose of any judicial system is, and must be, the promotion of justice, and no court should ever operate for the purpose of producing revenues.

And yet, there must be a business side to the Court, for the judges and nonjudicial personnel who labor in the Court must be provided with the facilities in which to perform their duties, and the equipment, furniture and supplies necessary for their work. Additionally, judges and nonjudicial personnel alike must be properly compensated, like other officers and employees of State government, and a mechanism must be in place to see that they are provided with appropriate benefits.

Also, a process must be in place to see that cases are handled properly from filing through adjudication, and procedures are necessary to ensure that the tens of millions of dollars collected by the Court each year in costs and fines are properly accounted for, safeguarded and transmitted to the Treasury of the State of Maryland.

The 1971 implementing legislation for the District Court provided for a Chief Judge, 78 trial judges and 678 clerks, commissioners, bailiffs, constables and secretaries divided among Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City. In the first year of operation, 778,000 cases were filed in the Court. The original budget for the Court was \$9,852,000, and the Court's revenues in its first full year of operation amounted to \$11,400,000. Down through the years there has been an increase in every aspect of the Court's operation. The budget for 1988, just concluded, was \$46,797,000; Court revenues increased to \$47,731,000. The total caseload was 1,876,000, more than double the original

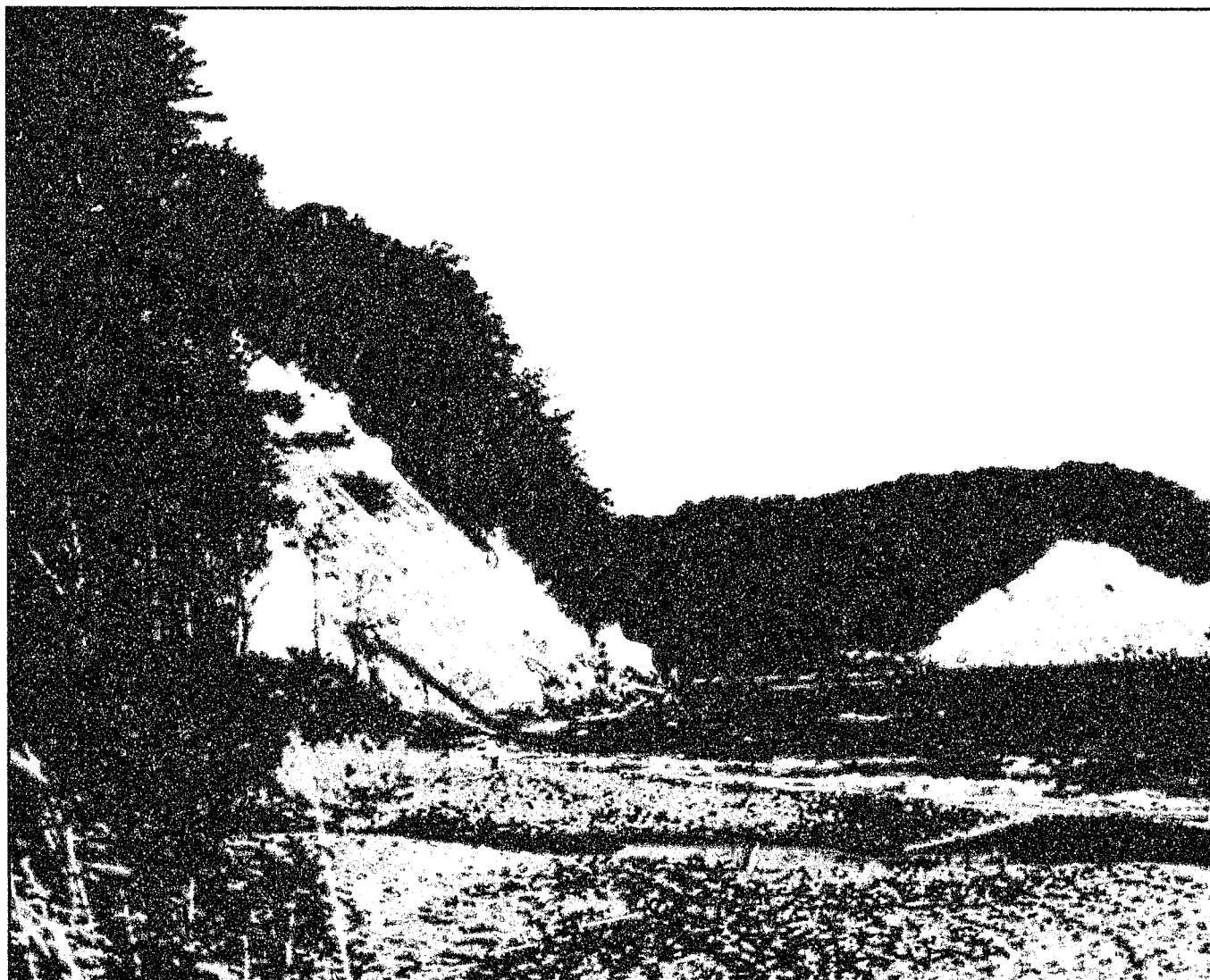
figures, with the traffic caseload for the first time in the State's history exceeding 1,000,000 citations issued.

It is a remarkable compliment to the quality of the judges and nonjudges in the District Court to note that while the caseload has more than doubled during the seventeen year life of the Court, there has been only a 23 percent increase in the number of judges and a 39 percent increase in our complement of nonjudicial personnel. In Fiscal 1972, the first year of operation, each of the 73 judges then sitting tried an average of 3,800 cases, and the Court's nonjudicial personnel each processed an average of 1,148 cases. In Fiscal 1988, just concluded, the 90 trial judges of the District Court tried an average of 5,600 cases, and there were 1,972 cases processed for each nonjudicial employee in the Court.

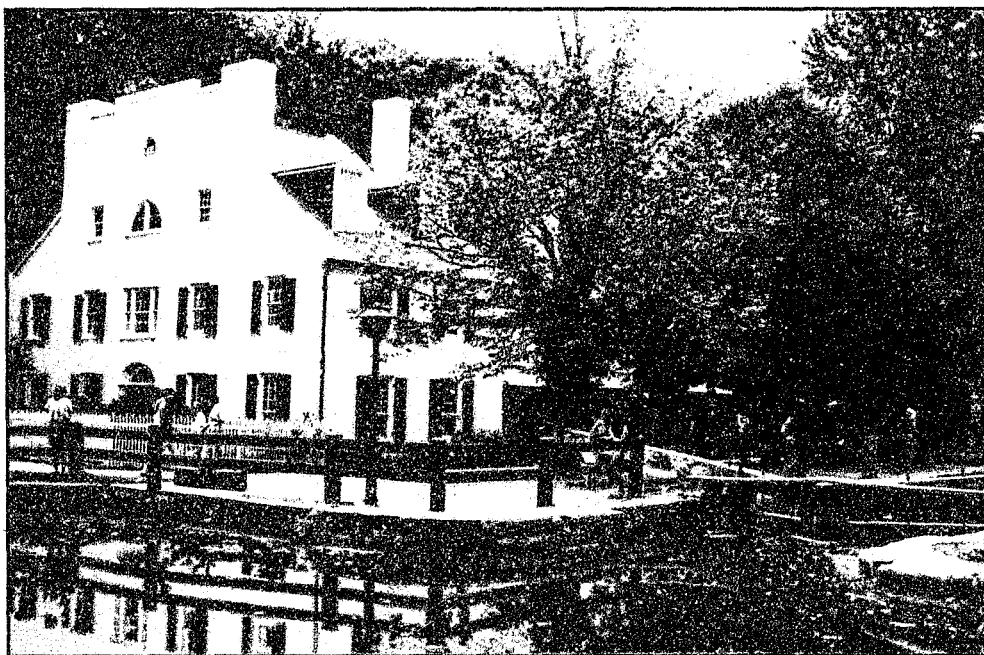
The increase in cases tried per judge and cases processed per clerk is attributable to many factors. First and foremost is the quality and dedication of

the judges and employees. Second is improved working conditions, facilities and equipment. Thirdly is the utilization of the most modern computer and data processing techniques in the country, brought about by the concerted efforts of the administrators of the Court, the Judicial Information Systems of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Court's personnel in the field.

The data processing systems now in place in the District Court for the handling of motor vehicle and criminal cases have received attention and praise nationwide from courts beset with similar problems, and we are beginning to implement similar computer techniques with the Court's heavy civil caseload. Moreover, the Court is beginning the implementation of a bar coding system, now in use by only one or two of the courts in the nation, which should further serve to expand the capabilities of the Court's existing work force, while reducing the burdens on those dedicated individuals.



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### Assignment of Judges

Under Article IV, § 18(b) of the Maryland Constitution, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals has authority to make temporary assignments of active judges to the appellate and trial courts. In addition, pursuant to Article IV, § 3A and § 1-302 of the Courts Article, the Chief Judge, with approval of a majority of the judges of the Court of Appeals, recalls former judges to sit in courts throughout the State.

Section 1-302 of the Courts Article sets forth certain conditions that limit the extent to which a former judge can be recalled. Yet, this reservoir of available judicial manpower has been exceedingly helpful since the legislation was first enacted eleven years ago. Using these judges enhances the court's ability to cope with existing caseloads, extended illnesses and judicial vacancies. This is accomplished without calling upon active full-time judges and, thus, disrupting schedules and delaying case disposition. In Fiscal 1988, assistance to the circuit courts was provided primarily by former judges. However, the Circuit Administrative Judges, pursuant to the Maryland Rules, moved judges within their circuits and exchanges of judges between circuits took place where there was a need to assign judges outside the circuit to handle specific cases. Further, assistance to the circuit courts was provided by judges of the District Court in Fiscal 1988. This assistance consisted of 292 judge days of which 178 were provided to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

A pool of former judges eligible to be recalled to the circuit courts sat for the greatest number of judge days since the legislation was enacted. In the area of pretrial settlement, an effort which began last

fiscal year in two of the circuit courts, retired judges acting as settlement masters in civil money-damage suits and some domestic disputes, mediated the settlement of cases without the necessity of a trial. This was expanded with funds appropriated by the legislature in Fiscal Year 1988 and amounted to 315 judge days. In addition, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, with the approval of the court, recalled several former circuit court judges and three former appellate judges to serve in the circuit courts for 307 judge days for the reasons already given.

The Chief Judge of the District Court pursuant to constitutional authority, made assignments internal to that Court to address unfilled vacancies, backlog, and illnesses. In Fiscal 1988, these assignments totaled 500 judge days. In addition, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals recalled 16 former District Court judges to sit in that Court totaling 583 judge days.

At the appellate level, the maximum use of available judicial manpower continued in Fiscal 1988. The Court of Special Appeals caseload is being addressed by limitations in oral argument, assistance by a central professional staff, and a prehearing settlement conference. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals exercised his authority by designating appellate judges to sit in both appellate courts to hear specific cases and four former appellate judges were recalled to assist both courts for a total of 150 judge days.

Finally, a number of judges of the Court of Special Appeals were designated to different circuit courts for various lengths to assist those courts in handling the workload, particularly during the summer months. Some Court of Special Appeals judges assisted the District Court as well.



## Court-Related Units

### Board of Law Examiners

In Maryland, the various courts were originally authorized to examine persons seeking to be admitted to the practice of law. The examination of attorneys remained a function of the courts until 1898 when the State Board of Law Examiners was created (Chapter 139, Laws of 1898). The Board is presently composed of seven lawyers appointed by the Court of Appeals.

The Board and its staff administer bar examinations twice annually during the last weeks of February and July. Each is a two-day examination of not more than twelve hours nor less than nine hours' writing.

Commencing with the summer 1972 examination and pursuant to rules adopted by the Court of Appeals, the Board adopted, as part of the overall examination, the Multistate Bar Examination. This is the nationally recognized law examination consisting of multiple-choice type questions and answers, prepared and graded under the direction of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The MBE test now occupies the second day of the examination with the first day devoted to the traditional essay examination, prepared and graded by the Board. The MBE test is now used in forty-eight jurisdictions. It is a six-hour test that

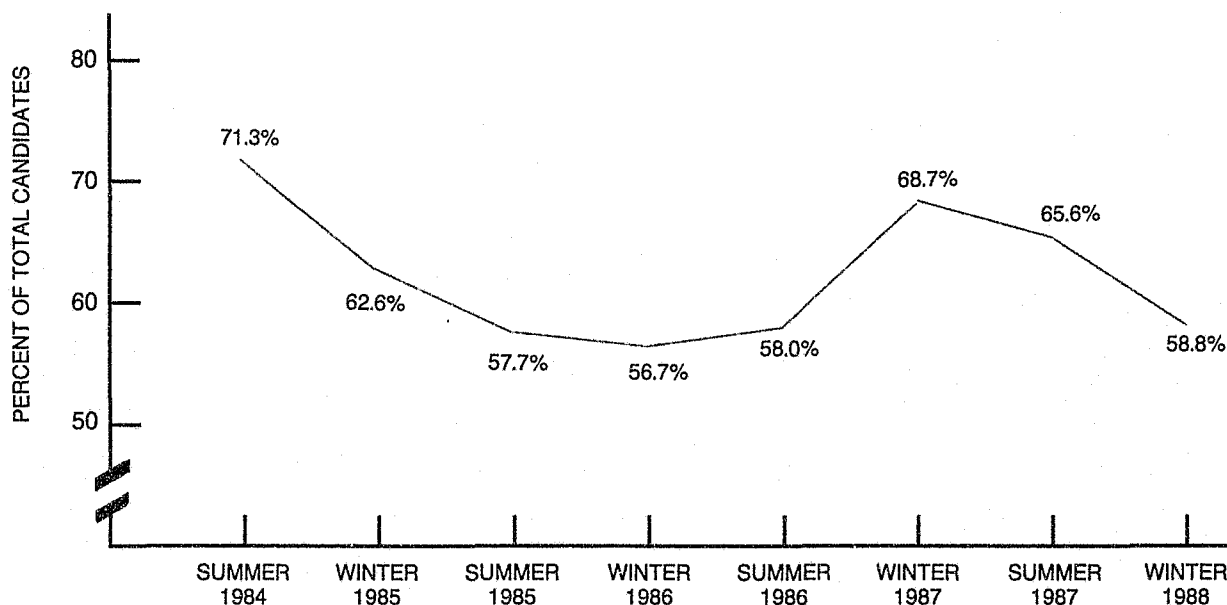
covers six subjects: contracts, criminal law, evidence, real property, torts, and constitutional law.

Maryland does not participate in the administration of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) prepared under the direction of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Pursuant to the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar, the subjects covered by the Board's test (essay examination) shall be within, but need not include, all of the following subject areas: agency, business associations, commercial transactions, constitutional law, contracts, criminal law and procedure, evidence, Maryland civil procedure, property and torts. Single questions on the essay examinations may encompass more than one subject area and subjects are not specifically labeled on the examination paper.

Beginning with the July 1983 examination, by amendment to the Rules of the Court of Appeals of Maryland governing admission to the bar, the subject of professional responsibility was added to the list of subjects on the Board's essay test.

The results of the examinations given during Fiscal Year 1988 are as follows: a total of 1099 applicants sat for the July 1987 examination with 721 (65.6 percent) obtaining a passing grade, while 586 sat for



*Ratio (percent) of successful candidates to total candidates taking the bar examination*

the February 1988 examination with 345 (58.8 percent) being successful. Passing percentages for the two previous fiscal years are as follows: July 1985, 57.7 percent and February 1986, 56.7 percent; July 1986, 58.0 percent and February 1987, 68.6 percent.

In addition to administering two regular bar examinations per year, the Board also processes applications for admission filed under Rule 14 which governs out-of-state attorney applicants who must take and pass an attorney examination. That examination is an essay type test limited in scope and subject matter to the rules in Maryland which govern practice and procedure in civil and criminal cases and also the Rules of Professional Conduct. The test is of three hours' duration and is administered on the first day of the regularly scheduled bar examination.

Commencing with the February 1985 attorney examination, the revised Maryland Rules of Procedure,

which became effective July 1, 1984, were used. They were also used on the regular bar examination.

The new Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct were effective January 1, 1987. These new Rules were used on both the Attorney Examination and the regular bar examination commencing with the February 1987 examinations.

At the Attorney Examination administered in July 1987, 94 applicants took the examination for the first time along with ten who had been unsuccessful on a prior examination for a total of 104 applicants. Out of this number, 88 passed. This represents a passing rate of 84.6 percent.

In February 1988, 103 new applicants took the examination for the first time along with ten applicants who had been unsuccessful on a prior examination for a total of 113 applicants. Out of this number, 98 passed. This represents a passing rate of 86.7 percent.

### The State Board of Law Examiners

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Results of examinations given by the State Board of Law Examiners during Fiscal Year 1988 are as follows:

| Examination                      | Number of Candidates | Total Successful Candidates | Number of Candidates Taking First Time | Number of Candidates Passing First Time* |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>SUMMER 1987</b><br>(July)     | 1,099                | 721 (65.6%)                 | 916                                    | 648 (70.7%)                              |
| Graduates                        |                      |                             |  |  |
| University of Baltimore          | 232                  | 152 (65.5%)                 | 194                                    | 141 (72.6%)                              |
| Graduates                        |                      |                             |  |  |
| University of Maryland           | 206                  | 148 (71.8%)                 | 178                                    | 139 (78.0%)                              |
| Graduates                        |                      |                             |  |  |
| Out-of-State Law Schools         | 661                  | 421 (63.6%)                 | 544                                    | 368 (67.6%)                              |
| <b>WINTER 1988</b><br>(February) | 586                  | 345 (58.8%)                 | 287                                    | 202 (70.3%)                              |
| Graduates                        |                      |                             |  |  |
| University of Baltimore          | 122                  | 77 (63.1%)                  | 44                                     | 38 (86.3%)                               |
| Graduates                        |                      |                             |  |  |
| University of Maryland           | 101                  | 52 (51.4%)                  | 42                                     | 29 (69.0%)                               |
| Graduates                        |                      |                             |  |  |
| Out-of-State Law Schools         | 363                  | 216 (59.5%)                 | 201                                    | 135 (67.1%)                              |

\*Percentages are based upon the number of first-time applicants.

## Rules Committee

Under Article IV, Section 18(a) of the Maryland Constitution, the Court of Appeals is empowered to regulate and revise the practice and procedure in, and the judicial administration of, the courts of this State; and under Code, Courts Article, § 13-301, the Court of Appeals may appoint "a standing committee of lawyers, judges, and other persons competent in judicial practice, procedure or administration" to assist the Court in the exercise of its rule-making power. The Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, often referred to simply as the Rules Committee, was originally appointed in 1946 to succeed an ad hoc Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure created in 1940. Its members meet regularly to consider proposed amendments and additions to the Maryland Rules of Procedure and to submit recommendations for change to the Court of Appeals.

Completion of the comprehensive reorganization and revision of the Maryland Rules of Procedure continues to be the primary goal of the Rules Committee. Phase I of this project culminated with the adoption by the Court of Appeals of Titles 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, which became effective July 1, 1984. The Committee is currently working on Phase II of the project, which involves the remainder of the Maryland Rules, Chapters 800 through 1300.

The Ninety-seventh Report, concerning the new rules of appellate procedure, was pending at the end of the last fiscal year. The Court of Appeals adopted the rules proposed in the Ninety-seventh Report by Order of November 19, 1987, to become effective July 1, 1988. That Order was published in the MARYLAND REGISTER, Vol. 14, Issue 26 (December 18, 1987).

During the past year, the Rules Committee submitted to the Court of Appeals certain rules changes and additions considered necessary. Pursuant to the Ninety-eighth Report, the Court of Appeals adopted emergency changes effective July 1, 1987, to Rule 4-343, Sentencing—Procedure in Capital Cases. The purpose of the changes was to conform Rule 4-343 with Code, Article 27, §§ 412 and 413 as amended by the General Assembly in 1987, and with decisions of the Court of Appeals, especially *Mills v. State*, 310 Md. 33 (1987).

The Ninety-ninth Report, published in the MARYLAND REGISTER, Vol. 15, Issue 6 (March 11,

1988), contains a proposed revision of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar and conforming amendments to Rules BV2 and 1228. This Report is still under consideration by the Court.

The One Hundredth Report, published in the MARYLAND REGISTER, Vol. 15, Issue 7 (March 25, 1988), contains a proposed new Title 6 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, Settlement of Decedents' Estates. This Report is still under consideration by the Court.

The One Hundredth First Report, published in the MARYLAND REGISTER, Vol. 15, Issue 7 (March 25, 1988), contained a number of proposed new Rules and some amendments to existing Rules. Among the more significant items were proposed new Rule S73A, concerning mediation of child custody and visitation disputes, and amendments to Rules 4-214, Defense Counsel, and 4-271, Trial Date, concerning the appearance of counsel in criminal cases transferred from the District Court to the circuit court upon a demand for jury trial. The Court of Appeals adopted the 101st Report by Order of June 3, 1988, with an emergency effective date of July 1, 1988. That Order was published in the MARYLAND REGISTER, Vol. 15, Issue 13 (June 17, 1988).

Pursuant to the One Hundred Second Report, the Court of Appeals re-adopted Rule 2-512(h), Jury Selection—Peremptory Challenges, without change, on an emergency basis. The Order re-adopting Rule 2-512(h) is published in the MARYLAND REGISTER, Vol. 15, Issue 11 (May 20, 1988).

Finally, pursuant to the One Hundred Third Report, the Court of Appeals adopted, on an emergency basis, new Rule 6-101, Actual Notice to Creditors, effective June 3, 1988. This Rule was necessitated by the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Tulsa Professional Collection Services v. Pope*, \_\_ U.S. \_\_, 108 S.Ct. 1340 (1980). Considering a challenge by a decedent's creditor to the Oklahoma "nonclaim" statute, which is similar in relevant part to Maryland Code, Estates and Trusts Article, § 8-103, the Court held that due process required the personal representative of an estate, in addition to complying with statutory requirements for publication notice, to provide actual notice of the pendency of the estate proceedings and the time for filing claims to creditors whose names and addresses were "known or reasonably ascertainable." New Rule 6-101 articulates these constitutional requirements. The Order adopting it was also published in the June 17, 1988, issue of the MARYLAND REGISTER.

## The Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure

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## State Law Library

The objective of the Maryland State Law Library is to provide an optimum level of support for all the legal and general reference research activities of the Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, and other court-related units within the Judiciary. A full range of information services is also extended to every branch of State government and to citizens throughout Maryland.

Originally established by an act of the legislature in 1827, the Library is now governed by a Library Committee whose powers include appointment of the director of the Library as well as general rule-making authority.

With a collection in excess of 233,000 volumes, this specialized facility offers researchers access to three distinct and comprehensive libraries of law, general reference/government publications and Maryland history and genealogy. Of special note are the Library's holdings of state and federal government publications which add tremendous latitude to the scope of research materials found in most law libraries. An additional research tool available to court and other State legal personnel is Mead Data Central's computer-assisted legal research service, Lexis/Nexis.

Over the past four years, the Library has made substantial improvements to its collections. The Library now contains holdings of all the out-of-state codes, appellate court rules and official state court reports. The United States Supreme Court records and briefs on microfiche have been added since the 1980 Term. Additionally, during FY 1988 a major federal income tax reference work, BNA's Tax Management Portfolio, was added to the law collection along with a subscription to microfilm reels of the State Capital's daily newspaper, *The Capital*. The Library also microfilmed the important and not widely accessible collection of *Maryland Judicial Conference Proceedings, 1951-1983* and has initiated an ongoing filming project for many of the Gubernatorial and Legislative Task Force and Study Commission reports in the collection.

The Library has been upgrading its Maryland legislative history files and has gathered a complete collection of these task force and study commission reports. The Legislative Committee files microfilmed by the Department of Legislative Reference are also being acquired on a piecemeal basis. Currently, the Library has a complete file for 1978-1983. Additional materials added to the collection over the past year include Attorney General opinions from every state, on microfiche, commencing in 1978 to date; and a large collection of Ph.D. dissertations and Masters theses on various law and social science topics on Maryland.

Following in the footsteps of law libraries and library systems throughout the country, the Library has initiated an automation program designed to

facilitate its information giving functions and internal work processes. A COMPAC 286 AT system is in place and such functions as wordprocessing, database creation, and indexing have been designed and are being utilized for various projects. JIS Micros Systems is assisting the Library in its automation plan implementation which will eventually include automating all aspects of the serials control functions, book acquisitions, and generating an automated information and referral file for use by the reference staff at the information center.

A significant addition of compact, mobile shelving was made during the fiscal year which has doubled the shelving capacity of the Library's basement area collections.

On-line cataloging and reclassification of the entire collection continue to be a high priority effort. The Library began participating in a cooperative cataloging program with a number of State publication depository libraries this past year. In all, some 4,346 titles have been processed on OCLC during Fiscal 1988.

Technical assistance was provided to four circuit court libraries in the further development of their library services. Consultations included collection development, collection cataloging, insurance appraisal, library design, space planning, and information on computer-assisted legal research systems.

During the past year, the Library continued to participate in RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) through Anne Arundel County. This program has provided the Library with a number of part-time volunteers who have initiated and completed a number of important indexing and clerical projects.

The Library once again participated in the Field Study Program sponsored by the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences of the University of Maryland, which afforded the Library a student intern who compiled legislative history information on the 1988 handgun bill and coordinated the Library's Law Day activities. In addition, the Library also participated in the Anne Arundel County Board of Education's High School Alternative Credit Program for the first time which provided a gifted high school student with practical work experience in a discipline of interest to the student. An extensive bibliography on the National High School Debate topic on the U.S. Government's foreign policy in Central America was researched, produced and distributed by this intern to all High School English Departments in the county.

Publications issued by the Library included a guide to conducting legislative history research in Maryland entitled *Ghosthunting: Finding Legislative Intent in Maryland, A Checklist of Sources*; revised 1988 bibliographies entitled *Sources of Basic Genealogical Research in the Maryland State Law Library: A Sampler*; *Divorce in Maryland*; and *DWI: Where to Find the Law in Maryland*. Also included in the Library's previous

output are: *Self-Help Law: A Sampler*; *The U.S. and Maryland Constitutions: Some Basic Sources*; and *The Maryland Court of Appeals: A Bibliography of Its History*.

Members of the staff continue to be active on the lecture circuit, addressing high school and college classes, and professional organizations on the basics of legal research techniques and also appearing before genealogy societies to discuss the collections and services available from the Library.

The Library continued its efforts in assisting various groups in celebrating the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland's ratification of that document. Also during the past year, the Library held its second open house in conjunction with National Law Day activities held May 1 of each year. This year's theme, "Legal Literacy," was especially appropriate for public law libraries to encourage use of law collections by citizens as one way to begin addressing the problem of becoming literate in the law. As a part of these activities, the Library also coordinated the showing of a unique courtroom art exhibit in the Courts of Appeal Building lobby.

Located on the first floor of the Courts of Appeal Building, the Library is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.—9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

#### Summary of Library Use Fiscal 1988

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|---|--------|
| Reference inquiries .....               | 20,240 |
| Volumes circulated to patrons .....     | 3,220  |
| Interlibrary loan requests filled ..... | 1,405  |

#### Attorney Grievance Commission

By Rule of the Court of Appeals, the Attorney Grievance Commission was created in 1975 to supervise and administer the discipline and inactive status of lawyers. The Commission consists of eight lawyers and two lay persons appointed by the Court of Appeals for four-year terms. No member is eligible for reappointment for a term immediately following the expiration of the member's service for one full term of four years. The Chairman of the Commission is designated by the Court. Members of the Commission serve without compensation.

The Commission appoints, subject to approval of the Court of Appeals, a lawyer to serve as Bar Counsel, the principal executive officer of the

disciplinary system, and supervises the activities of Bar Counsel and his staff. Duties of the Bar Counsel and his staff include investigation of all matters involving possible misconduct, the prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, and investigation of petitions for reinstatement. The staff, in addition to Bar Counsel, includes a Deputy Bar Counsel, four Assistant Bar Counsel, four investigators, an office manager, and six secretaries.

The Commission is working on computerizing its files to make statistical record-keeping easier as the Commission's workload increases. The Commission is currently entering into agreements with various Maryland banking institutions in compliance with the new BU Rules effective January 1, 1989, dealing with overdrafts in attorney trust accounts.

The Court of Appeals established a disciplinary fund to cover expenses of the Commission and provided for an Inquiry Committee and Review Board to act upon disciplinary complaints. The fund is endowed by an annual assessment upon members of the bar as a condition precedent to the practice of law. An increase in attorney assessments was necessary for Fiscal Year 1989 in order to meet budgeted expenditures approved by the Court of Appeals.

The Inquiry Committee consists of approximately 368 volunteers, one-third of whom are non-lawyers and two-thirds lawyers, each appointed for a three-year term and eligible for reappointment. The lawyer members are selected by local bar associations. Non-lawyer members are selected by the Commission.

The Review Board consists of eighteen persons, fifteen of whom are attorneys and three of whom are non-lawyers from the State at large. Members of the Review Board serve three-year terms and are ineligible for reappointment. The Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association selects the attorney members for the Review Board. The Commission selects the non-lawyer members. Judges are not permitted to serve as members of the Inquiry Committee or the Board.

The Commission received a total of 1,165 matters classified as inquiries in Fiscal Year 1986-87 compared with 1,119 in Fiscal Year 1987-88. Formal docketed complaints reflected a substantial decrease from 412 in Fiscal Year 1986-87 to 273 in Fiscal Year 1987-88. A fewer number of open complaints await action at the close of the current fiscal year compared with the last fiscal year.

The number of lawyers disbarred this past fiscal year was ten compared to nineteen last fiscal year.

Bar Counsel continues to devote his personal efforts to more complex cases as well as to administrative functions. In August of 1988, Melvin Hirshman, our Bar Counsel, will be installed as President of the National Organization of Bar Counsel. The organization is composed of disciplinary counsel who serve throughout the United States. Mr. Hirshman previously served as Treasurer, Secretary and President-elect of the organization.

### Summary of Disciplinary Action

|   | 1983<br>-84  | 1984<br>-85  | 1985<br>-86  | 1986<br>-87  | 1987<br>-88  |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Inquiries Received<br>(No Misconduct)                     | 903          | 988          | 1,028        | 1,119        | 1,165        |
| Complaints Received<br>(Prima Facie Misconduct Indicated) | 364          | 295          | 369          | 412          | 273          |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>1,267</b> | <b>1,283</b> | <b>1,397</b> | <b>1,531</b> | <b>1,438</b> |
| Complaints Concluded                                      | 315          | 319          | 285          | 373          | 302          |
| Disciplinary Action Taken<br>by No. of Attorneys:         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Disbarred   | 5            | 8            | 7            | 11           | 3            |
| Disbarred by Consent                                      | 7            | 3            | 13           | 8            | 7            |
| Suspension  | 7            | 11           | 12           | 12           | 13           |
| Public Reprimand  | 4            | 3            | 6            | 3            | 3            |
| Private Reprimand   | 13           | 7            | 9            | 14           | 7            |
| Placed on Inactive<br>Status                              | 1            | 2            | 1            | 3            | 1            |
| Dismissed by Court  | 7            | 7            | 2            | 6            | 2            |
| Petitions for Reinstatement<br>Granted                    | 1            | 2            | 0            | 2            | 0            |
| Petitions for Reinstatement<br>Denied                     | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 3            |
| Resignation   | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0            |
| Resignation w/Prejudice                                   | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Total No. of Attorneys</b>                             | <b>45</b>    | <b>44</b>    | <b>50</b>    | <b>62</b>    | <b>39</b>    |

The Commission provides financial support to the Lawyer Counseling program of the Maryland State Bar Association, Inc. Complaints against lawyers often result from mental illness, dependence on alcohol or drugs or poor office procedures. The counseling program is designed to aid lawyers with these problems. Bar Counsel finds that referrals to that program prove helpful in avoiding more serious disciplinary problems. The Commission also provides investigative services for Maryland's Clients' Security Trust Fund.

The Commission and Bar Counsel communicate with Maryland lawyers and the public through articles on disciplinary subjects in the *Maryland Bar Journal*. In addition, Bar Counsel and staff attorneys speak at continuing legal education seminars, bar association meetings, lay groups, law firms, and before court-related agencies. Bar Counsel also responds to radio and press interviews. The Commission maintains a

toll-free number of incoming calls from anywhere within Maryland for the convenience of complainants and volunteers who serve in the system.

Efforts continue to inform lawyers and clients of sources of disciplinary complaints. Increasing awareness of problem areas in the practice should reduce unintended infractions of disciplinary rules. The increase in the combined number of inquiries and complaints is attributed to an increasing number of lawyers admitted to practice.

Violation of the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct, effective January 1, 1987, are the major source of complaints to the Commission. There are still a few complaints received which concern conduct which occurred prior to January 1, 1987, governed by the prior Code of Professional Responsibility.

### Clients' Security Trust Fund

The Clients' Security Trust Fund was established by an act of the Maryland Legislature in 1965 (Code, Article 10, Sec. 43). The statute empowers the Court of Appeals to provide by rule for the operation of the Fund and to require from each lawyer an annual assessment as a condition precedent to the practice of law in the State of Maryland. Rules of the Court of Appeals that are now in effect are set forth in Maryland Rule 1228.

The purpose of the Clients' Security Trust Fund is to maintain the integrity and protect the name of the legal profession. It reimburses clients for losses to the extent authorized by these rules and deemed proper and reasonable by the trustees. This includes losses caused by misappropriation of funds by members of the Maryland Bar acting either as attorneys or as fiduciaries (except to the extent to which they are bonded).

Seven trustees are appointed by the Court of Appeals from the Maryland Bar. One trustee is appointed from each of the first five Appellate Judicial Circuits and two from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit. One additional lay trustee is appointed by the Court of Appeals from the State at large. Trustees serve on a staggered seven-year basis.

The Fund began its twenty-second year on July 1, 1987, with a fund balance of \$1,245,995.71, as compared to a fund balance of \$1,262,497.54 for July 1, 1986.

The Fund ended its twenty-second year on June 30, 1988, with a fund balance of \$1,429,922.43 as compared to a fund balance for the year ending June 30, 1987, of \$1,245,995.71.

At their meeting of July 9, 1987, the trustees elected the following members to serve as officers through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988: Victor H. Laws, Esq., Chairman; Carlyle J. Lancaster, Esq., Vice Chairman; Vincent L. Gingerich, Esq., Secretary; and Isaac Hecht, Esq., Treasurer.

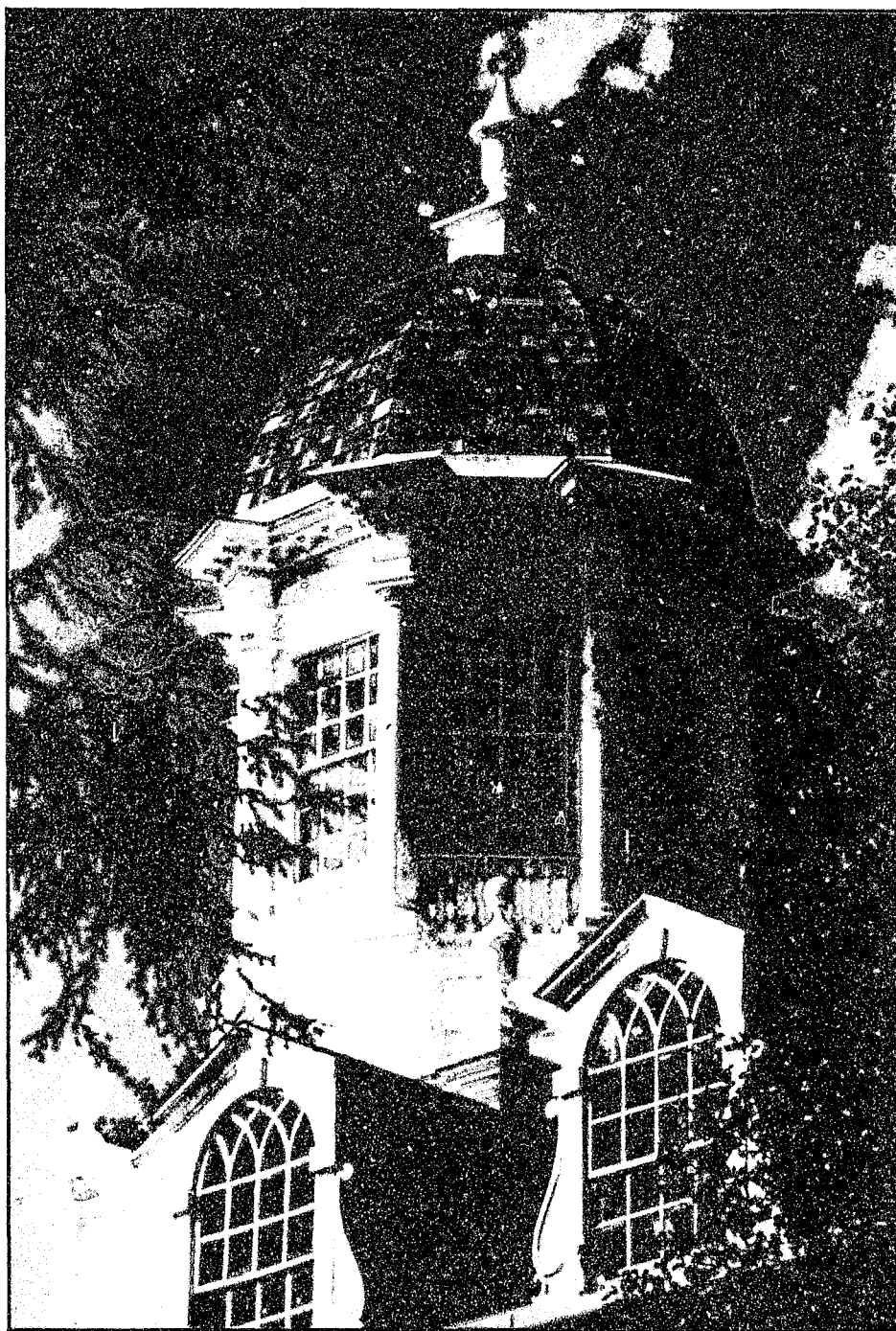
During the fiscal year July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988, the trustees met on five occasions and during the fiscal year, the trustees paid claims amounting to \$78,904.11. There are thirty-six (36) pending claims with a current liability exposure approximating \$1,175,543.00. These claims are in the process of investigation.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, the Fund derived the sum of \$299,694.88 from assessments, as compared with the sum of \$151,974.00 for

the preceding fiscal year.

On June 30, 1988, the end of the current fiscal year, there were 18,202 lawyers subject to annual assessments. Of this number, 108 attorneys have failed to pay.

In accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure, the nonpaying attorneys' names will be stricken from the list of practicing attorneys in this State—after certain procedural steps have been taken by the trustees.



*Hampton House, Baltimore County*



## Judicial Conferences

### The Maryland Judicial Conference

The Maryland Judicial Conference was organized in 1945 by the Honorable Ogle Marbury, then Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. It currently exists under provisions of Maryland Rule 1226, which direct it "to consider the status of judicial business in the various courts, to devise means for relieving congestion of dockets where it may be necessary, to consider improvements of practice and procedure in the courts, to consider and recommend legislation, and to exchange ideas with respect to the improvement of the administration of justice in Maryland and the judicial system in Maryland."

The Conference consists of 220 judges of the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, the circuit courts for the counties and Baltimore City, and the District Court of Maryland. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is its chairman; the State Court Administrator is the executive secretary. The Conference meets annually in plenary session. Between these sessions, its work is conducted by an Executive Committee and by a number of other committees, as established by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Chief Judge. In general, the chairmen and members of these committees are appointed by the chairman of the Executive Committee in consultation with the Chief Judge. The various committees are provided staff support by personnel of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

### The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of 17 judges elected by their peers from all court levels in the State. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals serves as an ex-officio non-voting member. It elects its own chairman and vice-chairman. Its major functions are to "perform the functions of the Conference" between plenary sessions and to submit "recommendations for the improvement of the administration of justice" in Maryland to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Court of Appeals, and the full Conference as appropriate. The Executive Committee may also submit recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, or both of them. These recommendations are transmitted through the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and are forwarded to the Governor or General Assembly, or both, with any comments or additional recommendations deemed appropriate by the Chief Judge or the Court.

At its first meeting in July 1987, the Executive Committee elected the Honorable John J. Bishop, Jr.,

Associate Judge, Court of Special Appeals, as its chairman, and the Honorable J. Frederick Sharer, Associate Judge of the Circuit Court for Allegany County, as its vice-chairman.

The Executive Committee met almost monthly and planned the 1988 Maryland Judicial Conference and reviewed the work of the various committees. The Executive Committee referred many matters to the General Assembly for action.

### Meeting of the Maryland Judicial Conference

The Forty-third Annual Meeting of the Maryland Judicial Conference was held on May 5th and 6th, 1988, at the Greenbelt Hilton and Towers, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Reports of the Conference committees were presented at the business meeting. The only report requiring action was submitted by the Judicial Ethics Committee which had been working on a revision of the Code of Conduct for Masters, Examiners, Auditors, Referees and District Court Commissioners similar to the new code for judges which was effective July 1, 1987. The Honorable Martin B. Greenfeld, Chair of the Judicial Ethics Committee, presented the proposed code of conduct advising the Conference that the code had been made available for comment from judges, members of the bar and the general public. A resolution was unanimously adopted recommending that the Court of Appeals adopt by rule the Maryland Code of Conduct for Judicial Appointees as proposed by the Judicial Ethics Committee.

On the second day, the Honorable Hilary D. Caplan, Chair of the Special Joint Committee on Gender Bias in the Courts, presented a status report to the Conference with Lynn Hecht Schafran, Esquire, Director of the National Judicial Education Program to Promote Equality for Men and Women in the Courts, discussing the Maryland Experience.

Conference members also participated in group discussions of recent Maryland appellate decisions. They selected from six group sessions on different cases involving: handling the capital case, cause of action for fraud, emotional distress or negligence-genital herpes, invasion of privacy, self representation/hybrid representation, DWI-punitive damages and evidence-exceptions to hearsay rule.

In the afternoon, AIDS and the Maryland Courts was the topic with Dr. Ford Brewer, Chief Medical Examiner with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, discussing the Medical Perspective. The Judicial Perspective was discussed by the

Honorable Peter J. Messitte, Emery A. Plitt, Jr., Esquire, an assistant attorney general with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, continued with the Corrective Perspective, and Dr. Gillian Van Blerk, Director of AIDS Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, spoke on the Court Environment Perspective.

### Conference of Circuit Judges

The Conference of Circuit Judges was established pursuant to Maryland Rule 1207 to make recommendations on the administration of the circuit courts. Membership includes the eight Circuit Administrative Judges and one judge elected from each of the eight circuits for a two-year term. The chair is also elected by the Conference for a two-year term. In Fiscal 1988, the Conference met four times to address various concerns of the circuit court judges. The following highlights some of the important matters considered by the Conference.

#### 1. Meetings with Executive Department Officials.

The Conference met with representatives of the Mental Hygiene Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for a presentation on the new presentence psychiatric investigation program for which funds had been recently appropriated. The Administration expressed the view that there is a void in providing assistance to the circuit courts desiring a psychiatric/psychological evaluation of defendants prior to sentencing. The program will be instituted first in the District Court and subsequently in a pilot site in the circuit courts. It is intended to supplement, not replace, presentence investigations conducted by the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation.

#### 2. Endorses Study to Develop Uniform Procedures for Handling Adoptions.

Adverse publicity about non-uniformity in handling adoptions in the circuit courts, particularly private placement, generated considerable Conference discussion about how these proceedings are presently being handled, particularly by attorneys who apparently are getting big fees for handling the matters in highly questionable ways. The Conference unanimously endorsed a comprehensive examination of this matter and referred the subject to the Juvenile and Family Law Committee of the Maryland Judicial Conference with a request that it advise the Conference of its findings and recommendations.

#### 3. Supports Legislation.

The Conference continued to express its support for and opposition to various legislative proposals, including support for Maryland Judicial Conference legislation. Again, the Conference reaffirmed its strong support for legislation to remove circuit judges from the contested election process and permit a retention election. Judicial Conference legislation supported by the Conference and enacted is reported in the section

of this report entitled *1988 Legislation Affecting the Courts*.

#### 4. Endorses Recommendations on the Study of the Increased Number of Prayers for Jury Trials from the District Court.

As reported in the last Annual Report, the Conference was alarmed by the percentage of the criminal docket in the circuit courts that was comprised of jury trial prayers from the District Court. This was having an adverse impact on the expeditious disposition of criminal cases in the circuit courts. A report on the study of the impact of the increased number of jury trials was reviewed by the Conference. The report made several recommendations attempting to remedy the situation. The Conference endorsed almost all the recommendations, some of which called



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for the introduction of legislation, others called for changes to the Maryland Rules. Legislation introduced to limit jury trials in the circuit courts was unsuccessful in the 1988 Session. A Rule to provide for the automatic entering of the appearance of counsel in the circuit court when the defendant prays a jury trial with counsel in the District Court was enacted by the Court of Appeals. The Conference will continue to monitor this problem.

#### 5. Urges Rule Changes.

The Conference referred to the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of Appeals various proposals that amend certain Maryland Rules. One such proposal dealt with Rule 1314 applicable to cases heard de novo in the circuit courts. There was discussion on the steps to take place by the courts when a defendant fails to appear for trial in the circuit courts on a de novo appeal. The existing Rule contains provisions as to what is to occur when a defendant fails to appear for trial. The discussion was prompted because of what had occurred in one circuit court where a defendant failed to appear for a preliminary inquiry set by the court under its local procedures. The defendant failed to appear at the preliminary inquiry and the court issued a bench warrant. When the defendant appeared voluntarily, he was taken into custody pursuant to the bench warrant and brought before the court. An officer did not appear for trial and the appeal was dismissed. Generally the circuit courts do not issue bench warrants simply for a failure to appear. But if a defendant was sentenced to a period of incarceration in the District Court and the defendant fails to appear at the circuit court, the appeal is dismissed, but the court will issue a bench warrant so that sentence of incarceration is executed. The Conference recommended an amendment to Rule 1314 to permit a dismissal of an appeal if a defendant fails to appear for trial or for any other reason in response to a court directive.

#### 6. Other Matters.

There were many other matters discussed and considered by the Conference during this period covering different aspects of the administration of justice in the circuit courts. As has been stated in past reports, this report can only summarize some of the matters considered and acted upon. Many of the subjects presented to the Conference for discussion are still pending and await further consideration by the Conference.

**Administrative Judges Committee  
of the District Court  
by the Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland  
Robert F. Sweeney**

The Administrative Judges Committee of the District Court, unlike its counterpart, the Conference of Circuit Judges, was not established by rule of the Court of

Appeals, but arose almost inherently from the constitutional and statutory provisions which created the District Court of Maryland in 1971.

Under Article IV of the Maryland Constitution and the implementing legislation in the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, the District Court is a single, statewide entity. The Chief Judge is responsible for the maintenance, administration, and operation of the District Court at all of its locations throughout the State, with constitutional accountability to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. The administrative judges in each of the District Court's twelve districts are in turn responsible to the Court's Chief Judge for the administration, operation, and maintenance of the District Court in their respective district.

To enable these thirteen constitutional administrators to speak with one voice, the Chief Judge formed the Administrative Judges Committee when the Court began in 1971. In 1978, when Maryland Rule 1207 was amended to provide for election of some of the members of the Conference of Circuit Judges, he provided for the biannual election of five trial judges of the District Court to serve on the Committee with the District Court's twelve administrative judges. The Chief Judge, ex-officio, serves as Chairman of this Committee.

At its quarterly meetings during Fiscal 1988, the Committee acted on more than half a hundred items. Among the more significant were:

(1) Agreed on uniform standards pertaining to cancellations of evictions during extreme weather conditions;

(2) Clarification of procedures concerning bail reviews for individuals arrested on bench warrants;

(3) Implementation of policy that an individual may be refused a new trial after he failed to appear for his original trial, when he has not taken any action to satisfy his obligations to the Court within 90 days;

(4) Unanimously approved a system of bar coding to improve the efficiency and accuracy of data collection in the District Court system and eliminate redundancies in the collection of data;

(5) Increased the filing fee in summary ejectment cases from \$3 to \$7;

(6) Established preset fines for newly created violations of the motor vehicle and natural resources law;

(7) Eliminated the right to waive trial by paying a preset fine for violations of the natural resources law which carry the possibility of a jail sentence; and

(8) Made revisions to the schedule of preset fines for certain existing violations of the motor vehicle and natural resources laws.

The Administrative Judges Committee also reviewed and made recommendations to the Executive Committee and other committees of the Maryland Judicial Conference and to the General Assembly on bills affecting the operation and administration of the District Court.



## Appointment, Discipline, and Removal of Judges

Under the Maryland Constitution, when a vacancy in a judicial office occurs, or when a new judgeship is created, the Governor normally is entitled to appoint an individual to fill the office.

The Constitution also provides certain basic qualifications for judicial office. These include: Maryland citizenship; residency in Maryland for at least five years and in the appropriate circuit, district or county, for at least six months; registration as a qualified voter; admission to practice law in Maryland; and the minimum age of 30. In addition, a judicial appointee must be selected from those lawyers "who are most distinguished for integrity, wisdom, and sound legal knowledge."

Although the Constitution sets forth these basic qualifications, it provides the Governor with no guidance as to how he is to go about exercising his discretion in making judicial appointments. Maryland governors have themselves filled that gap, however, by establishing Judicial Nominating Commissions.

### Judicial Nominating Commissions

Before 1971, Maryland governors exercised their powers to appoint judges subject only to such advice as a particular governor might wish to obtain from bar associations, legislators, lawyers, influential politicians, or others. Because of dissatisfaction with this process, as well as concern with other aspects of judicial selection and retention procedures in Maryland, the Maryland State Bar Association for many years pressed for the adoption of some form of what is generally known as "merit selection" procedures.

In 1970, these efforts bore fruit when former Governor Marvin Mandel, by Executive Order, established a statewide Judicial Nominating Commission to propose nominees for appointment to the appellate courts, and eight regional Trial Court Nominating Commissions to perform the same function with respect to trial court vacancies. These nine commissions began operations in 1971. However, in 1988, the Judicial Nominating Commissions were restructured in such a way so as to allow each county with a population of 100,000 or more to have its own Trial Courts Nominating Commission. Out of that restructuring came fourteen commissions, known as Commission Districts, in addition to the Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission. Each judicial vacancy filled pursuant to the governor's appointing power is filled from a list of nominees submitted by a Nominating Commission.

As presently structured, under an Executive Order issued by Governor William Donald Schaefer, effective March 31, 1988, each of the fifteen commissions consists

of six lawyer members elected by other lawyers within designated geographical areas; six lay members appointed by the Governor; and a chairperson, who may be either a lawyer or a lay person, appointed by the Governor. The Administrative Office of the Courts acts as a secretariat to all commissions and provides them with staff and logistical support.

When a judicial vacancy occurs or is about to occur, the Administrative Office of the Courts notifies the appropriate commission and places announcements in *The Daily Record*. Notice of the vacancy is also sent to the Maryland State Bar Association and the local bar association.

The Commission then meets and considers the applications and other relevant information, such as recommendations from bar associations or individual citizens. Each candidate is interviewed either by the full Commission or by the Commission panels. After discussion of the candidates, the Commission prepares a list of those it deems to be "legally and professionally most fully qualified" for judicial office. This list is prepared by secret written ballot. No Commission may vote unless at least 10 of its 13 members are present. An applicant may be included on the list if he or she obtains a majority of votes of the Commission members present at a voting session. The list is then forwarded to the Governor who is bound by the Executive Order to make his appointment from the Commission list.

During Fiscal 1988, 14 vacancies occurred. This compares to 15 vacancies in Fiscal 1987. The accompanying table gives comparative statistics pertaining to vacancies, number of applicants, and number of nominees over the past nine fiscal years. In reviewing the number of applicants and the number of nominees, it should be noted that under the Executive Order, a pooling system is used. Under this pooling system, persons nominated as fully qualified for appointment to a particular court level are automatically submitted again to the Governor, along with any additional nominees, for new vacancies on that particular court that occur within 12 months of the date of initial nomination. The table does not reflect these pooling arrangements. It shows new applicants and new nominees only.

All seven vacancies on the circuit court were filled during the fiscal year. Three appointments were from the District Court bench, three appointments were from the private bar and the remaining appointment was from the public sector.

The six District Court vacancies were also filled during the fiscal year. Four of the appointments were from the public sector while the other two appointments were from the private bar.

**Judicial Nominating Commission Statistics**  
**Judicial Vacancies and Nominees from Fiscal 1980 to Fiscal 1988<sup>a</sup>**

|         |            | <b>Court of<br/>Appeals</b> | <b>Court of<br/>Special<br/>Appeals</b> | <b>Circuit<br/>Courts/<br/>Supreme<br/>Bench</b> | <b>District<br/>Court</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>    |
|---------|------------|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| FY 1980 | Vacancies  | 1                           | 0                                       | 13   | 11                        | 25 <sup>a</sup> |
|         | Applicants | 5                           | 0                                       | 87   | 135                       | 227             |
|         | Nominees   | 3                           | 0                                       | 27   | 28                        | 58              |
| FY 1981 | Vacancies  | 0                           | 0                                       | 3  | 10                        | 13 <sup>b</sup> |
|         | Applicants | 0                           | 0                                       | 30   | 69                        | 99              |
|         | Nominees   | 0                           | 0                                       | 6  | 24                        | 30              |
| FY 1982 | Vacancies  | 1                           | 1                                       | 12   | 11                        | 25 <sup>c</sup> |
|         | Applicants | 5                           | 7                                       | 96   | 142                       | 250             |
|         | Nominees   | 4                           | 4                                       | 26   | 30                        | 64              |
| FY 1983 | Vacancies  | 0                           | 4                                       | 8  | 5                         | 17 <sup>d</sup> |
|         | Applicants | 0                           | 32                                      | 74   | 70                        | 176             |
|         | Nominees   | 0                           | 16                                      | 17   | 22                        | 55              |
| FY 1984 | Vacancies  | 0                           | 2                                       | 12   | 10                        | 24 <sup>e</sup> |
|         | Applicants | 0                           | 27                                      | 91   | 195                       | 313             |
|         | Nominees   | 0                           | 12                                      | 29   | 37                        | 78              |
| FY 1985 | Vacancies  | 1                           | 1                                       | 9  | 7                         | 18 <sup>f</sup> |
|         | Applicants | 3                           | 5                                       | 79   | 122                       | 209             |
|         | Nominees   | 3                           | 3                                       | 24   | 34                        | 64              |
| FY 1986 | Vacancies  | 0                           | 1                                       | 12   | 11                        | 24              |
|         | Applicants | 0                           | 5                                       | 69   | 125                       | 199             |
|         | Nominees   | 0                           | 4                                       | 22   | 34                        | 60              |
| FY 1987 | Vacancies  | 2                           | 1                                       | 5  | 7                         | 15 <sup>h</sup> |
|         | Applicants | 11                          | 6                                       | 31   | 102                       | 150             |
|         | Nominees   | 7                           | 4                                       | 13   | 19 <sup>g</sup>           | 43              |
| FY 1988 | Vacancies  | 0                           | 1                                       | 7  | 6                         | 14 <sup>i</sup> |
|         | Applicants | 0                           | 15                                      | 57   | 60                        | 132             |
|         | Nominees   | 0                           | 6                                       | 20   | 24                        | 50              |

NOTE: Because of the pooling arrangements available under the Executive Order since Fiscal Year 1981, the number of applicants and nominees in that and subsequent years, may be somewhat understated. The numbers given in the chart do not include individuals whose names were available for consideration by the Governor pursuant to the pooling arrangement.

<sup>a</sup> In Fiscal 1980, three new vacancies occurred during the fiscal year but were not filled during that year. Two vacancies that occurred in FY 79 were filled.

<sup>b</sup> In Fiscal 1981, three vacancies were filled that had occurred in Fiscal 1980.

<sup>c</sup> Three vacancies that occurred in FY 81 were filled in FY 82. Two vacancies that occurred in FY 82 were not filled until FY 83.

<sup>d</sup> Five vacancies that occurred in FY 83 were not filled until FY 84.

<sup>e</sup> Six vacancies that occurred in FY 84 were not filled until FY 85.

<sup>f</sup> Two vacancies that occurred in FY 85 were not filled until FY 86.

<sup>g</sup> A meeting for one District Court vacancy was not held until FY 88.

<sup>h</sup> Three vacancies that occurred in FY 87 were not filled until FY 88.

<sup>i</sup> One vacancy that occurred in FY 88 was not filled until FY 89.

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## Removal and Discipline of Judges

Judges of the appellate courts run periodically in noncompetitive elections. A judge who does not receive the majority of the votes cast in such an election is removed from office. Judges from the circuit courts of the counties and Baltimore City must run periodically in regular elections. If a judge is challenged in such an election and the challenger wins, the judge is removed from office. District Court judges face Senate reconfirmation every ten years. A judge who is not reconfirmed by the Senate is removed from office. In addition, there are from six to seven other methods that may be employed to remove a judge from office:

1. The Governor may remove a judge "on conviction in a court of law for incompetency, willful neglect of duty, misbehavior in office, or any other crime..."
2. The Governor may remove a judge on the "address of the General Assembly" if two-thirds of each House concur in the address, and if the accused has been notified of the charges against him and has had an opportunity to make his defense.
3. The General Assembly may remove a judge by two-thirds vote of each House, and with the Governor's concurrence, by reason of "physical or mental infirmity..."
4. The General Assembly may remove a judge through the process of impeachment.
5. The Court of Appeals may remove a judge upon recommendation of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities.
6. Upon conviction of receiving a bribe in order to influence a judge in the performance of official duties, the judge is "forever ... disqualified for holding any office of trust or profit in this State" and thus presumably removed from office.
7. Article XV, § 2 of the Constitution, adopted in 1974, may provide another method to remove elected judges. It provides for automatic suspension of an "elected official of the State" who is convicted or enters a *nolo* plea for a crime which is a felony or which is a misdemeanor related to his public duties and involves moral turpitude. If the conviction becomes final, the officer is automatically removed from office.

Despite the availability of other methods, only the fifth one has actually been used within recent memory. Since the use of this method involves the Commission on Judicial Disabilities, which also has the power to recommend discipline less severe than removal, it is useful to examine that commission.

## The Commission on Judicial Disabilities

The Commission on Judicial Disabilities was established by constitutional amendment in 1966 and

strengthened in 1970; its powers were further clarified in a 1974 constitutional amendment. The Commission is empowered to investigate complaints, conduct hearings, or take informal action as it deems necessary, provided that the judge involved has been properly notified. Its operating procedures are as follows: the Commission conducts a preliminary investigation to determine whether to initiate formal proceedings, after which a hearing may be held regarding the judge's alleged misconduct or disability. If, as a result of these hearings, the Commission, by a majority vote, decides that a judge should be retired, removed, censured or publicly reprimanded, it recommends that course of action to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals may order a more severe discipline of the judge than that which the Commission recommended. In addition, the Commission has the power in limited situations to issue a private reprimand or merely a warning.

The Commission on Judicial Disabilities serves the public in a variety of ways. Its primary function is to receive, investigate and hear complaints against members of the Maryland judiciary. Formal complaints must be in writing and notarized, but no particular form is required. In addition, numerous individuals either write or call expressing dissatisfaction concerning the outcome of a case, or some judicial ruling. While some of these complaints may not fall technically within the Commission's jurisdiction, the complainants are afforded an opportunity to express their feelings and frequently are informed, for the very first time, of their right of appeal. Thus the Commission in an informal fashion offers an ancillary, though vital, service to members of the public.

During the past year, the Commission considered thirty-one formal complaints—of which three were initiated by practicing attorneys and the remainder by members of the public. Some complaints were directed against more than one judge and sometimes a single jurist was the subject of numerous complaints. In all, eleven judges at the District Court level, nineteen circuit court judges, and two sitting in Orphans' Courts were the subjects of complaints.

As in previous years, litigation over some domestic matter (divorce, alimony, custody) precipitated the most complaints (12), criminal cases accounted for ten and the remainder resulted from some civil litigation or the alleged improper demeanor of some jurist.

The Commission deals with formal complaints in a variety of ways. Tapes or transcripts of judicial hearings are often obtained. When pertinent, attorneys and other disinterested parties who participated in the hearings are interviewed. Sometimes, as part of its preliminary investigation, the Commission will request a judge to appear before it.

During the past year, two complaints were dismissed because the particular judges had resigned. In one instance, the resignation was precipitated by the filing of formal charges against the party in question. Several judges were requested to appear before the Commission to defend charges against them. In most instances, the complaints were dismissed either because the charges leveled were not substantiated or because they did not amount to a breach of judicial ethics. Matters were likewise disposed of by way of discussion with the jurist involved or by private reprimand. In one case where the Commission had previously recommended public censure of a District

Court judge, the Court of Appeals of Maryland agreed with the Commission's decision.

Finally, pursuant to Rule 1227 of the Maryland Rules, the Commission serves yet another function. It supplies judicial nominating commissions with confidential information concerning reprimands to or pending charges against those judges seeking nomination to judicial offices.

The Commission meets as a body irregularly, depending upon the press of business. Its seven members are appointed by the Governor and include four judges presently serving on the bench, two members of the bar for at least fifteen years, and one lay person representing the general public.



*Deep Creek Lake, Garrett County*



## 1988 Legislation Affecting the Courts

Among the bills enacted during the 1988 session of the Maryland General Assembly are several that make significant changes in the laws governing corporations and limited partnerships, a wide-ranging reorganization of most public higher education in Maryland, and a handgun law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of so-called "Saturday Night Specials." Some of the new laws that affect the Judiciary are summarized below. A more detailed summary of 1988 legislation is available from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

### 1. Judicial Conference Legislation

*Judgeships*—Chapter 473. Creates seven new judgeships, one each in the circuit courts in Baltimore City and Baltimore, Charles, Prince George's, and Wicomico Counties, and one each in Districts 4 (Charles County) and 5 (Prince George's County) of the District Court.

*Qualification and Summoning of Jurors*—Chapter 326. Permits jury commissioners to accomplish the qualification and summoning of potential jurors in a single procedure.

*Bad Checks*—Chapter 476. Makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly give a bad check in payment of fines and/or costs in the State's appellate or circuit courts.

### 2. Court Administration

*District Court Clerks' Duties*—Chapter 302. Requires clerks in District Court, upon request, to advise and assist a litigant on procedural matters in any small claims case (\$2,500 or less).

*Expungement of Criminal Records*—Chapter 592 authorizes a court to grant a petition for expungement at any time for good cause shown; Chapter 628 permits the filing of a petition for expungement of a probation before judgment either three years from the date of the judgment or the date of the person's discharge from probation, whichever is later; and Chapter 723 permits a person charged with a crime to petition for expungement immediately after the entry of a nolle prosequi (dismissal by the State's Attorney).

*Prepayable Fines*—Chapter 639. Authorizes the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a schedule of prepayable fines for first offense misdemeanor violations of the Natural Resources Article of the Maryland Annotated Code in lieu of appearance in court, and also establishes procedures for warnings and additional fines and/or issuance of a warrant for failure to comply with a notice to appear.

*Homeowners' Associations*—Chapter 82. Requires clerks in each circuit court to maintain an indexed depository for certain documents required to be deposited by homeowners' associations.

*State Holidays*—Chapter 543. Requires courts and other State offices and facilities to remain open on three legal holidays: Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Maryland Day, March 25; and Defenders' Day, September 12.

*News Media Privilege*—Chapter 113. Further limits the power of a court to compel a newsperson to disclose a news source or noncommunicated information.

### 3. Criminal Law and Procedure

*Hearsay About Child Abuse*—Chapters 548 and 549. Under certain circumstances, permit the admission into evidence of an out-of-court statement of a child victim under 12 made to a physician, psychologist, social worker, or teacher in a child abuse case.

*Sale of Age Identification Cards*—Chapter 415. Prohibits most sales or issuance of identification cards or documents with either a blank space for an age or an incorrect age.

*Possession of Firearms by a Person with Mental Disorder*—Chapter 690. Prohibits the possession of firearms by a person suffering from a mental disorder who has a history of violent behavior or who has been confined to a mental health facility for more than 30 consecutive days, absent a physician's certificate.

*Religious and Ethnic Crimes*—Chapters 601 and 786. Make it a crime to deface, damage, or destroy property of a religious institution, to obstruct by force or threat a person's free exercise of religion, and to harass or assault a person or to deface, damage, or destroy the person's property because of race, color, religious beliefs, or national origin.

*Impersonating a Police Officer*—Chapter 151. Makes it a misdemeanor to falsely represent that one is a police officer of any governmental entity in this or another State or to impersonate such an officer.

*Wiretapping and Electronic Communications*—Chapter 607. Makes widespread changes in the coverage, procedures, and penalties of the Maryland wiretap law.

*Interference with a Horse Race*—Chapter 200. Makes it a misdemeanor to interfere with the results

of a horse race, and increases the penalties for entering or racing a horse under other than its registered name.

*First Degree Murder by a Minor*—Chapter 418. Under certain circumstances, permits a sentence of life imprisonment without parole for a person under age 18 convicted of first degree murder.

*First Degree Rape*—Chapter 433. Designates as first degree rape any rape committed in connection with a housebreaking.

*Subsequent Drug Offenses*—Chapter 439. Increases the minimum penalties for second and subsequent convictions for drug offenses.

*Assignment to Community Service*—Chapter 477. Prohibits a court from assigning a person convicted of a violent crime to perform community service.

#### 4. Civil Law and Procedure

*Exemptions from Execution on Judgment*—Chapter 600 increases the amount used to calculate the amount of wages exempt from attachment, except in a few counties; and Chapter 613 exempts from execution distributions to a participant or beneficiary from most retirement or pension plans. Not applicable to bankruptcy cases filed before January 1, 1988.

*Landlord-Tenant Jurisdiction*—Chapter 488. Authorizes the District Court to issue an injunction against a landlord upon proof by a tenant that the landlord has not made needed repairs within 90 days of the granting of the tenant's complaint.

*Telephone Solicitations*—Chapter 589. Makes unenforceable, as well as potentially subject to the consumer protection laws, a consumer contract arising from telephone solicitations unless the seller meets certain strict requirements. Not applicable to credit solicitations and security sales.

*Required Mortgage Insurance*—Chapter 693. Permits a mortgage borrower to petition for injunctive relief, attorney's fees, and damages if a lender requires property insurance coverage beyond the replacement value of the property.

*Survival of Slander Actions*—Chapter 359. Provides that an action for slander does not abate at the death of either party if an appeal is pending from a judgment in favor of the plaintiff.

#### 5. Juvenile and Family Law

*Domestic Violence*—Chapter 112. Includes as "household members" in domestic violence cases nonspouses who have at least one minor child in common living with the petitioner.

*Juvenile Services Agency Employees*—Chapter 582. Repeals provisions for judicial direction, control, and

selection of Juvenile Services Agency employees performing certain services in connection with juvenile proceedings. The new law also provides that JSA will continue to supply the staff needed for the services required by the Court and will fully cooperate with the judges of the Juvenile Court in carrying out the objectives of the Court and the agency.

*Modification of Child Support Awards*—Chapter 338. Prohibits a court from modifying a child support award for a period prior to the filing date of a petition for modification.

*Restitution*—Chapter 686. In a juvenile restitution proceeding, provides that a bill or written statement of medical, dental, hospital, funeral, or burial expenses is prima facie evidence as to the fairness and reasonableness of the charges, and places the burden of rebuttal on the person challenging the charges.

*Alcoholic Beverages Violations*—Chapter 571. Authorizes a court to cite as a violation a person under 18 who obtains an alcoholic beverage or who induces the sale of such a beverage by misrepresentation of his or her age. Also subjects the juvenile to the delinquency laws and procedures and increases the fines a court may impose for violations of the alcoholic beverage laws by adults or juveniles.

#### 6. Motor Vehicle Laws

*Alcohol- and Drug-Related Offenses*. The General Assembly enacted several bills designed to reduce the incidence of alcohol- and/or drug-related driving offenses. For example, Chapters 255 and 734 lower the blood-alcohol levels required to provide prima facie evidence of driving while intoxicated (from 0.13 to 0.10 percent) or driving under the influence (from 0.08 to 0.07 percent), and increase from 0.01 to 0.02 percent the blood-alcohol level for prima facie evidence that the defendant was driving with alcohol in his or her blood; Chapters 252 and 253 permit a court to prohibit a person from operating a motor vehicle without an ignition interlock system for up to three years as a condition of probation or as a sentence. The system precludes starting a vehicle if the driver's blood contains any alcohol; Chapter 254 requires the Motor Vehicle Administration to impose a restriction on every licensee under age 21 prohibiting driving with alcohol in the blood, and makes proof of a blood-alcohol level of 0.02 percent or more prima facie evidence that the licensee is driving in violation of that restriction; Chapter 53 increases the fines a court may impose for a third or subsequent conviction for driving while intoxicated; and Chapter 562 prohibits a court from ordering a second probation before judgment for a second or subsequent conviction of driving under the influence of drugs or drugs and alcohol.



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## Definitions

**Adoption, Guardianship**—This includes all adoptions and guardianships including regular adoptions, guardianship with right to adoption and guardianship with right to consent to long-term case short of adoption. Guardianships of incompetents are reported in "Other—General."

**Adult**—A person who is 18 years old or older charged with an offense relating to juveniles to be heard in Juvenile Court. (See § 3-831 of Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.)

**Appeal**—The resorting to a higher court to review, rehear, or retry a decision of a tribunal below. This includes appeals to the circuit court, the Court of Special Appeals, and the Court of Appeals.

Appeals to the circuit courts include:

1. Record—The judge's review of a written or electronic recording of the proceedings in the District Court.
2. De Novo—The retrial of an entire case initially tried in the District Court.
3. Administrative Agency—Appeals from decisions rendered by administrative agencies. For example:

Department of Personnel  
County Commissioner  
Department of Taxation and Assessments  
Employment Security  
Funeral Director  
Liquor License Commissioners  
Physical Therapy  
State Comptroller (Sales Tax, etc.)  
State Motor Vehicle Authority  
Supervisors of Elections  
Workmen's Compensation Commission  
Zoning Appeals  
Any other administrative body from which an appeal is authorized.

**Application for Leave to Appeal**—Procedural method by which a petitioner seeks leave of the Court of Special Appeals to grant an appeal. When it is granted, the matter addressed is transferred to the direct appeal docket of the Court for customary briefing and argument. Maryland statutes and Rules of Procedure permit applications in matters dealing with post conviction, inmate grievances, appeals from final judgments following guilty pleas, and denial of or grant of excessive bail in habeas corpus proceedings.

**Case**—A matter having a unique docket number; includes original and reopened (post judgment) matters.

**Caseload**—The total number of cases filed or pending with a court during a specific period of time. Cases may include all categories of matters (law, equity, juvenile, and criminal). Note: After July 1, 1984, law and equity were merged into a new civil category.

**C.I.N.A.—Child in Need of Assistance**—Refers to a child who needs the assistance of the court because:

1. The child is mentally handicapped or
2. Is not receiving ordinary and proper care and attention and
3. The parents, guardian or custodian are unable or unwilling to give proper care and attention.

**C.I.N.S.—Child in Need of Supervision**—Refers to a child who requires guidance, treatment or rehabilitation because of habitual truancy, ungovernableness or behavior that would endanger himself or others. Also included in this category is the commission of an offense applicable only to children.

**Condemnation**—The process by which property of a private owner is taken for public use without the owner's consent but upon the award and payment of just compensation.

**Contested Confessed Judgment**—The act of a debtor in permitting judgment to be entered by his creditor immediately upon filing of a written statement by the creditor to the court.

**Contracts**—A case involving a dispute over oral or written agreements between two or more parties.

Breaches of verbal or written contracts  
Landlord/tenant appeals from District Court

**Delinquency**—Commission of an act by a juvenile which would be a crime if committed by an adult.

**Disposition**—Entry of final judgment in a case.

**District Court—Contested**—Only applies to civil, a case that has gone to trial and both parties (plaintiff and defendant) appear.

**District Court Criminal Case**—Single defendant charged per single incident. It may include multiple charges arising from the same incident.

**District Court Filing**—The initiation of a civil action or case in the District Court. District Court criminal and motor vehicle cases are reported as "processed" rather than as "filed."

**Divorce, Nullity**—A proceeding to dissolve a marriage. Original filings under this category include divorce a vinculo matrimonii, divorce a mensa et thoro, and annulment. A reopened case under this category includes hearings held after final decree or other termination in the original case. A

reopened case may involve review of matters other than the divorce itself as long as the original case was a divorce. (Examples of the latter may be a contempt proceeding for nonpayment of support, noncompliance with custody agreement, modification of support, custody, etc.)

**Docket**—Formal record of court proceedings.

**Filing**—Formal commencement of a judicial proceeding by submitting the necessary papers pertaining to it. Original filing under one docket number and subsequent reopenings under the same number are counted as separate filings.

**Fiscal Year**—The period of time from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the next. For example: July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

### Hearings

- **Criminal**—Any activity occurring in the courtroom, or in the judge's chambers on the record and/or in the presence of a clerk, is considered a hearing, except trials or any hearing that does not involve a defendant.

#### Examples of Hearings in Criminal

Arraignment  
Discovery motion  
Guilty plea  
Motion to quash  
Motion to dismiss  
Motion for change of venue  
Motion to continue  
Motion to suppress  
Motion to sever  
Nolo contendere  
Not guilty with agreed statement of facts  
Sentence modifications  
Violation of probation

- **Civil**—A presentation either before a judge or before a master empowered to make recommendations, on the record or in the presence of a clerk or court reporter, for purposes other than final determination of the facts of the case. Electronic recording equipment, for definition purposes, is the equivalent to the presence of a court reporter.

#### Examples of Hearings in Civil

Motion to compel an answer to an interrogatory  
Motion ne recipiatur  
Motion for judgment by default  
Demurrer  
Motion for summary judgment  
Motion to vacate, open, or modify confession of judgment  
Preliminary motions presented in court, including motions for continuance  
Determination of alimony pendente lite, temporary custody, etc., in a divorce case  
Contempt or modification hearings

- **Juvenile**—A presentation before a judge, master, or examiner on the record in the presence of

a clerk or court reporter. Electronic recording equipment, for definition purposes, is the equivalent to the presence of a court reporter.

#### Examples of Hearings in Juvenile

Preliminary motions presented in court  
Arraignment or preliminary inquiry  
Detention (if after filing of petition)  
Merits or adjudication  
Disposition  
Restitution  
Waiver  
Review  
Violation of probation

**Indictment**—The product of a grand jury proceeding against an individual.

**Information**—Written accusation of a crime prepared by the State's Attorney's Office.

**Jury Trial Prayer—Motor Vehicle**—A request for trial by jury in the circuit court for a traffic charge normally heard in the District Court. To pray a jury trial in a motor vehicle case, the sentence must be for more than six months.

**Jury Trial Prayer—Other (Criminal)**—A request for a trial by jury in the circuit court for charges normally heard in the District Court, **except** traffic charges or nonsupport.

**Miscellaneous Docket**—Established and maintained primarily as a method of recording and identifying those preliminary proceedings or collateral matters before the Court of Appeals other than direct appeals.

**Motor Torts**—Personal injury and property damage cases resulting from automobile accidents. (This does not include boats, lawn mowers, etc., nor does it include consent cases settled out of court.)

**Motor Vehicle Appeals**—An appeal of a District Court verdict in a traffic charge.

**Nolle Prosequi**—A formal entry upon the record by the plaintiff in a civil suit, or the State's Attorney in a criminal case, to no longer prosecute the case.

**Nonsupport**—A criminal case involving the charge of nonsupport.

**Original Filing**—See "Filing."

**Other Appeals (Criminal)**—An appeal of a District Court verdict **except** one arising from a traffic charge or nonsupport.

**Other Domestic Relations**—Matters related to the family other than divorce, guardianship, adoption or paternity. Examples of this category include support, custody, and U.R.E.S.A. cases.

**Other Civil/Other Equity**—This category includes, among other things, injunctions, change of name, foreclosure, and guardianship of incompetent persons.

**Other Law**—This category includes, among other things, conversion, detinue, ejectment, issues from Orphans' Court, attachments on original process, and mandamus.

**Other Torts**—Personal injury and property damage cases resulting from:

- Assault and battery—an unlawful force to inflict bodily injury upon another.
- Certain attachments.
- Consent tort.
- False imprisonment—the plaintiff is confined within boundaries fixed by the defendant for some period of time.
- Libel and slander—a defamation of character.
- Malicious prosecution—without just cause an injury was done to somebody through the means of a legal court proceeding.
- Negligence—any conduct falling below the standards established by law for the protection of others from unreasonable risk of harm.

**Paternity**—A suit to determine fatherhood responsibility of a child born out of wedlock.

**Pending Case**—Case in which no final disposition has occurred.

**Post Conviction**—Proceeding instituted to set aside a conviction or to correct a sentence that was unlawfully imposed.

**Reopened Filing**—The first hearing held on a case after a final judgment on the original matter has been entered.

**Stet**—Proceedings are stayed; one of the ways a case may be terminated.

**Termination**—Same as “Disposition.”

#### **Trials**

##### • **Criminal**

**Court Trial**—A contested hearing on the facts of the case to decide the guilt or innocence of the defendant where one or more witnesses has been sworn.

**Jury Trial**—A contested hearing on the facts of the case to decide the guilt or innocence of the defendant, where the jury has been sworn.

##### • **Civil**

**Court Trial**—A contested hearing on any one or all merits of the case, presided over by a judge, to decide in favor of either party where testimony is given by one or more persons. Note: “Merits” is defined as all pleadings prayed by the plaintiff in the original petition that created the case. Divorce, custody, child support, etc., are examples that might be considered merits in a civil case.

**Jury Trial**—A contested hearing on the facts of the case to decide in favor of either party where the jury has been sworn.

**Unreported Category**—A case that has been reported but not specifically identified as to case type by the reporting court.